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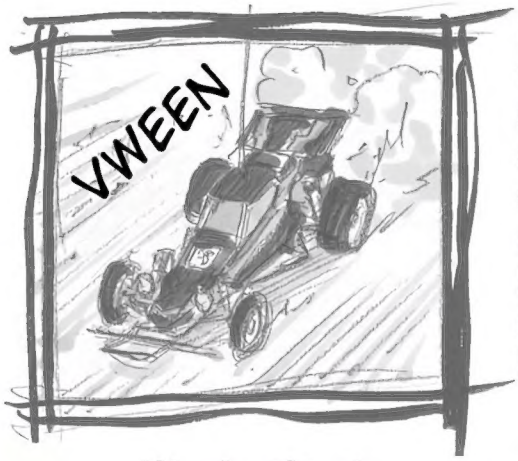

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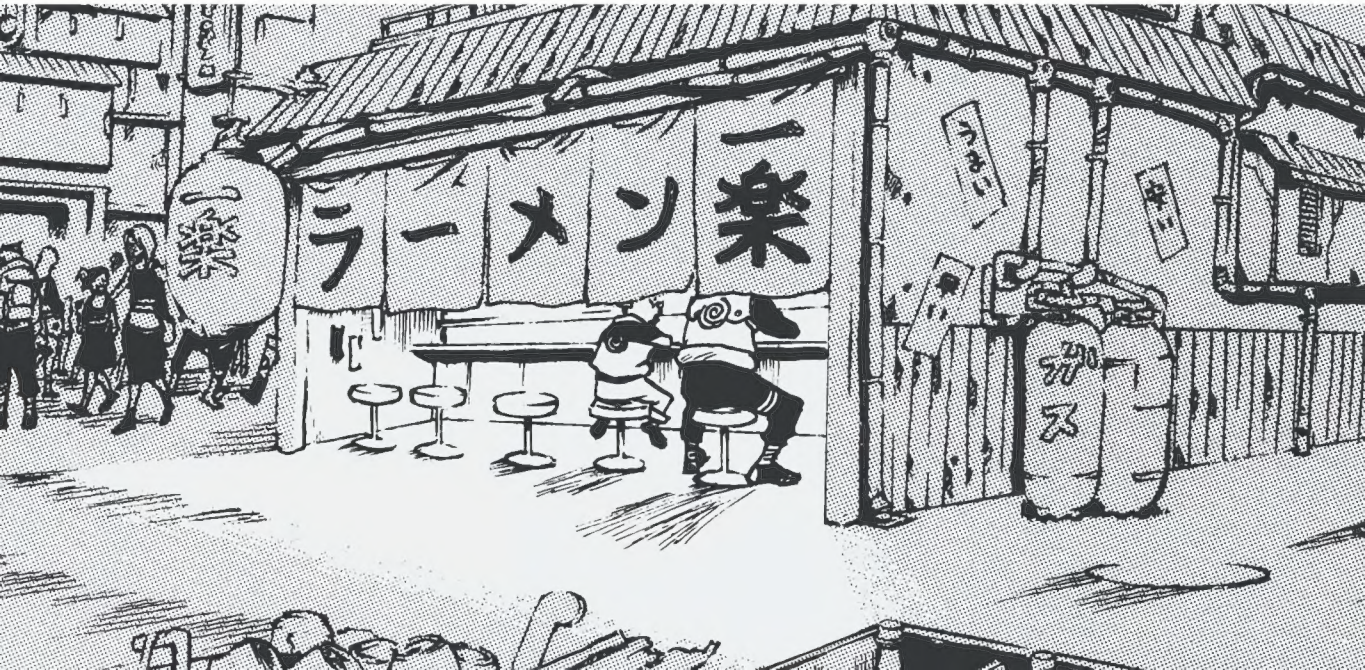
Nostalgic radio-controlled plastic model vehicles have recently made a comeback, just a bit smaller and easier to operate! So cool, I can't stand it!! The most popular models are, as before, buggy types like the Hornet and Mighty Frog! ...Please bring back my previous favorite, Pajero, too, Mr. Tamiya!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2007

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.



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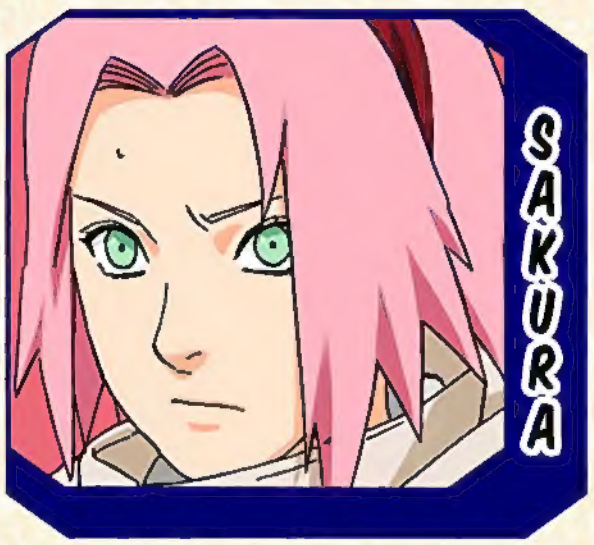

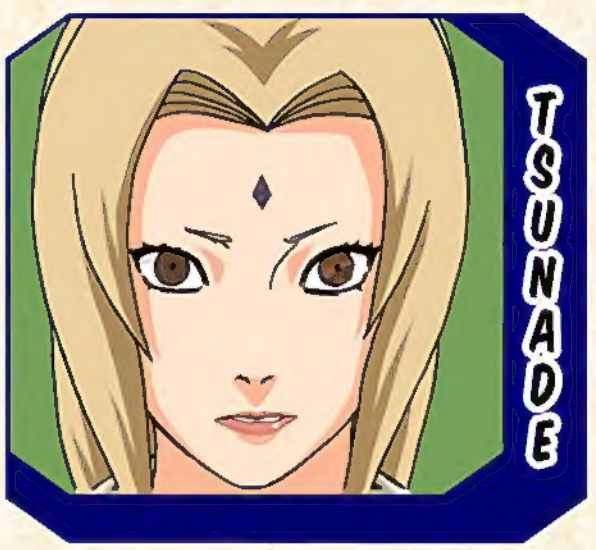

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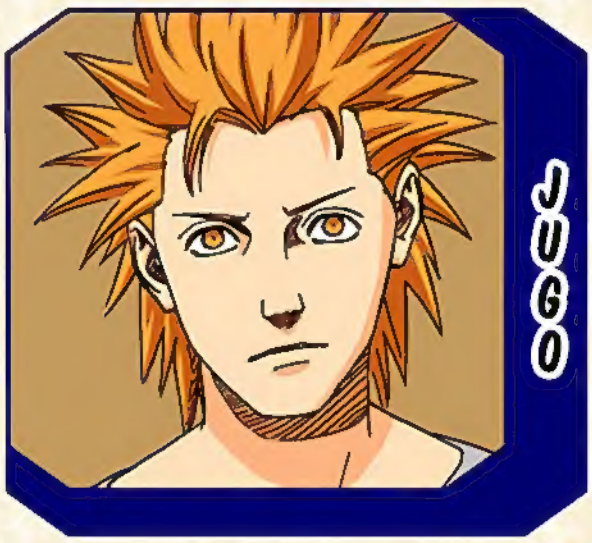

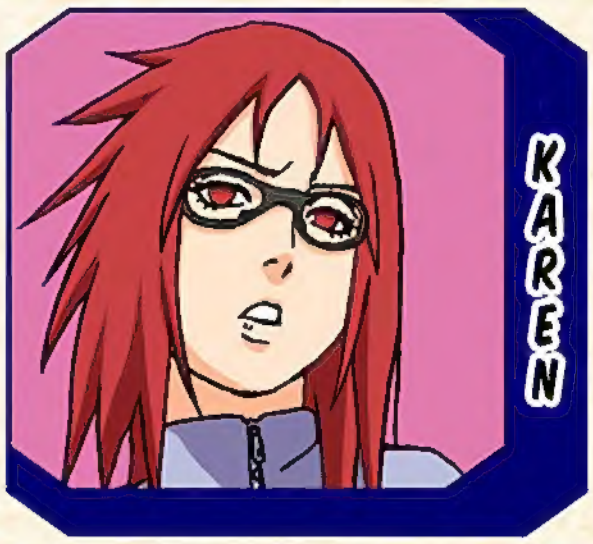

STORY SO FAR...

**Naruto Uzumaki promises to sakura to resctue Sasuke,
Sasuke seduced by Orochimaru to become more stronger,
doesnt want to be saved by naruto.
Sasuke thristy of revenge against his brother itachi,
kills orochimaru and forms a group called Hebi (Snake)
formed by Karen, Suigetsu and Jugo.
They decided to help sasuke on his quest for revenge.
As for naruto, now he is chasing sasuke looking for
making come back to Konoha.
Meanwhile...Sasuke confronts Deidara,
a Member from Akatsuki (Red Moon)
How this fight shall ends...!?**

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360 : C4 KARURA

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Run!!

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IF SO...

THIS IS AN EXLOSIVE TOO?

HAHH

HAHH

THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MY TRUMP CARD TO KILL ITACHI, BUT OH WELL... HMMMM?

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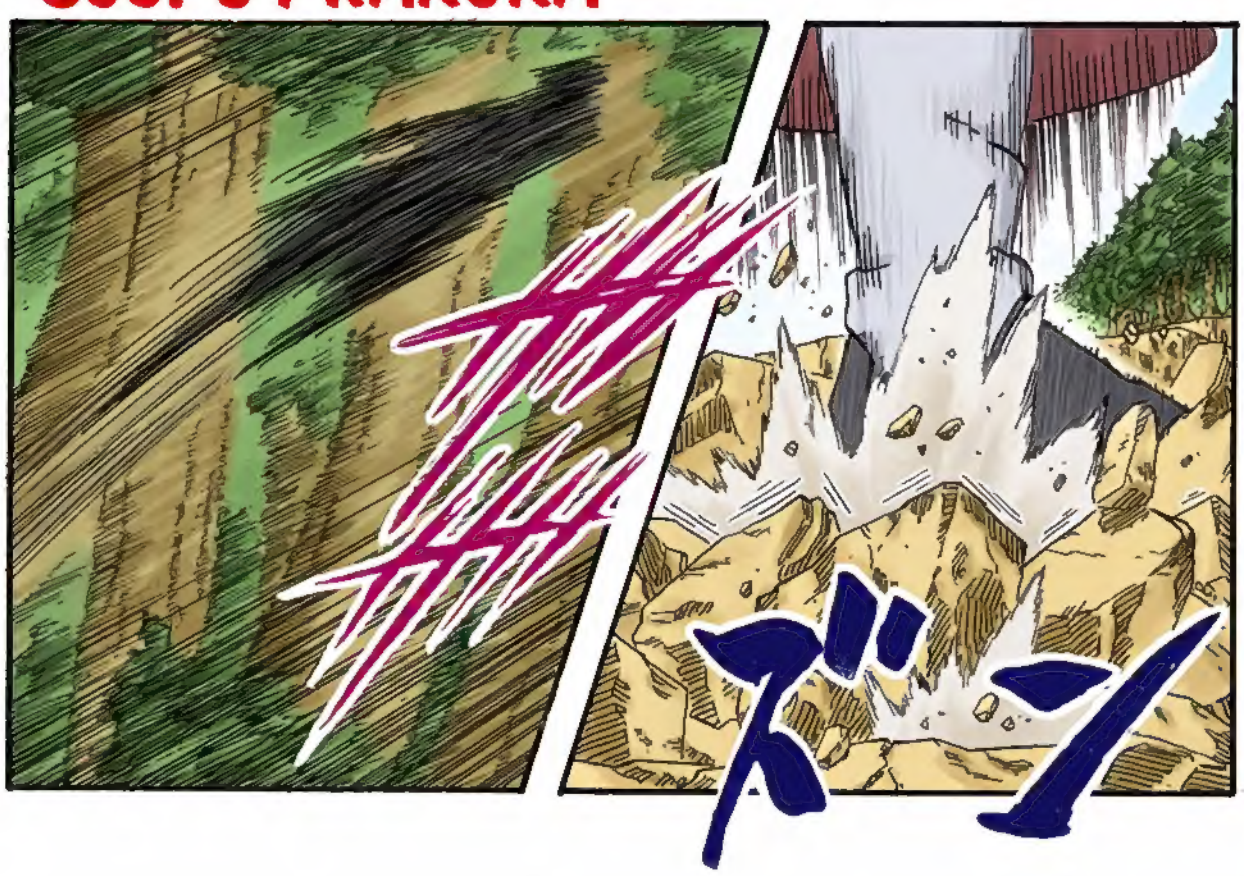

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You think you can really escape from me and my C4 KARURA!?

YOU ARE GOING TO RUN!?

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...IT MIS-FIRED?

NO... ITS NOT THAT.

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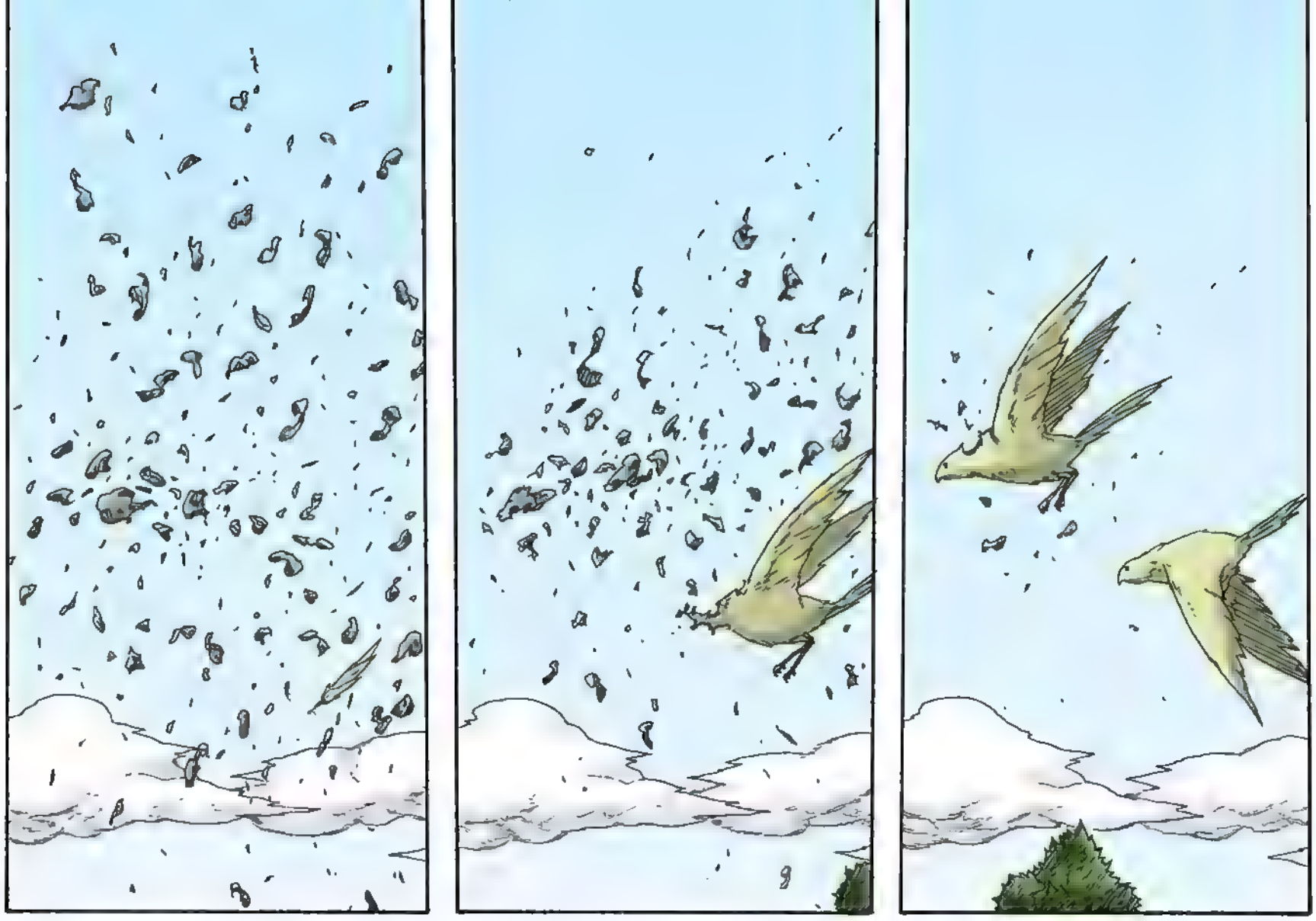
HA HA! I WIN!

THE ART IS AN EXPLO-SION!!

SFX: KATSU



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NO WAY... THAT'S ...

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HMMM!
HMMM!
HMMM!

NOW THIS IS MY GREATEST MASTER-PIECE!!

HMMM

THAT WAS THE C4 KARURA: SUPER TEENY NANOSIZED EXPLOSIVES

...FROM THE RUPTURING OF THE GIGANTO DEIDARA, THE BLAST WAVE SCATTERED THEM FAR AND WIDE...

THE MINI-BOMBS THEN IMPLANT THEMSELVES WITHINTHE BODIES OF ANY AND ALL CREATURES THAT INHALE THEM...

A FEAR-SOME JUTSU INDEED

AND WHEN THEY EXPLODE, THE MULTIPLE CELLULAR LEVEL EXPLOSIONS DETROY THEIR VICTIMS FROM THE INSIDE OUT...

I GOT TO REMEMBER TO THANK ITACHI... HEH HEH HEH...

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MY ART W...

HEH, HEH... I WON, I WON!!

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SEEMS YOU'VE USED UP ALL OF YOUR CHAKRA... YOU REACTION TIME IS SLOW.

BUT MY SHARINGAN SEES CHAKRA AS COLORS...

BOMBS TOO SMALL FOR THE EYE TO SEE...

... THOSE EYES... UGH...

SO I KNEW EXACTLY WHERE I HAD TO GO TO AVOID YOUR ATTACK.

I COULD ALSO SEE THAT YOU WERE HOVERING JUST OUTSIDE THE BOMBS' RANGE.

...WERE CLEARLY VISIBLE TO ME AS A BIG, COLORFUL COLOR.

YOUR MINI BOMBS, PACKED WITH CHAKRA...

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BUT... I SAW YOU DIE FROM THE C4...

GRRR...

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HEH HEH... SO... IT WAS JUST AS I THOUGHT...

THAT WAS MY GENJUTSU...

?

...TO THANK ITACHI...

...LIKE I SAID, I'VE GOT TO REMEM-BER...

NOW, TELL ME- WHERE IS ITACHI?!

I DELIBERATELY AVOIDED STRIKING A VITAL SPOT.

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A... **CLAY** CLONE!?

I FIGURED YOU WOULD PERFORM A GENJUTSU.

YOU'RE JUST LIKE ITACHI. DID YOU THINK I'D FALL FOR THAT SAME TRICK TWICE...!? *HMMM!?*

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...JUST SO I COULD BREAK THAT VERY GENJUTSU!!

EVER SINDE THE DAY I FACED FOR THE FIRST TIME ITACHI, I'VE TRAINED MY LEFT EYE TO NULLIFY THE SHARINGAN ...

HOW DO YOU LIKE A DIRECT C4 ATTACK!?

THIS TIME, ITS OVER FOR REAL!!

UGH...!

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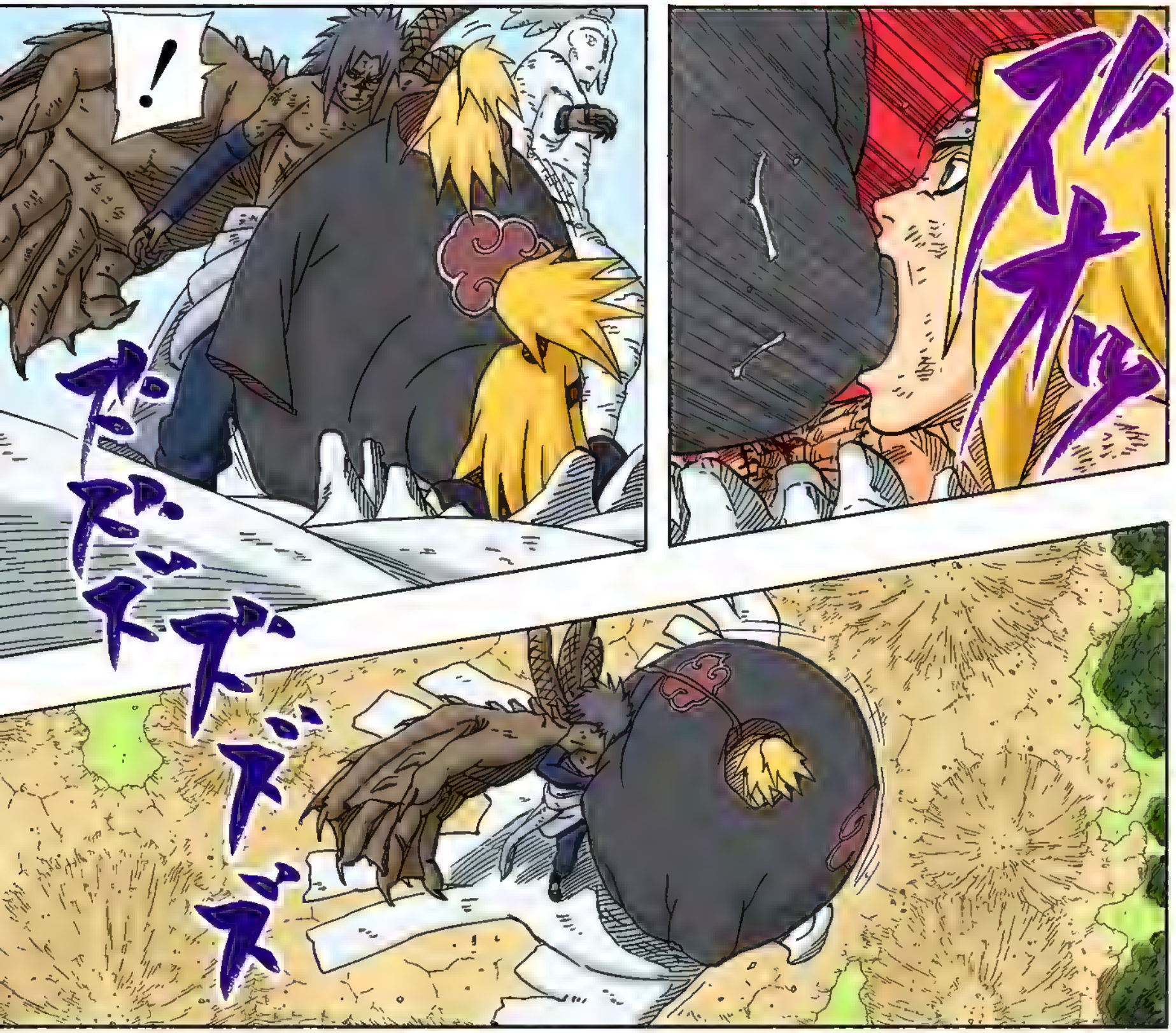
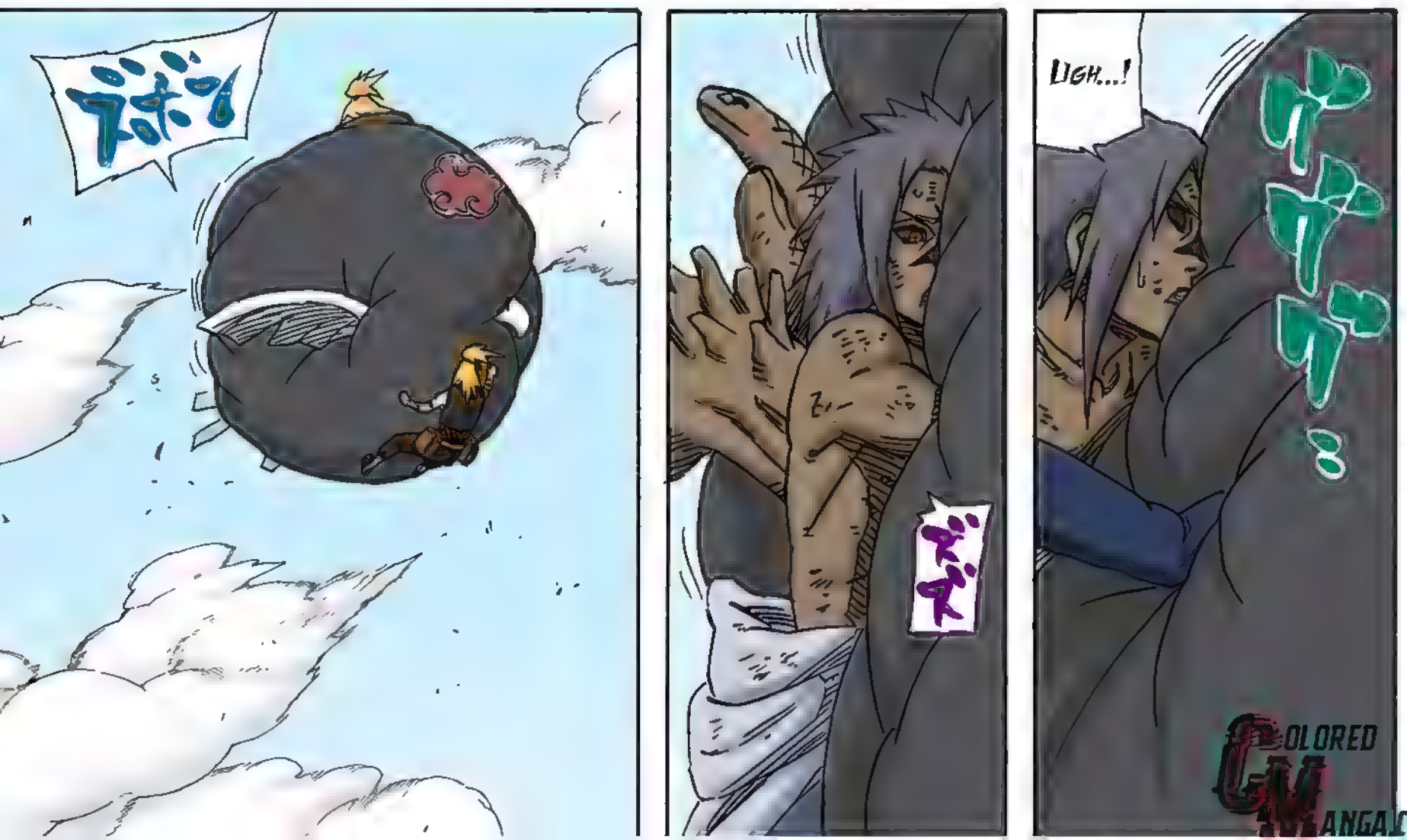
361 : ACHILLES HEEL...!!





ARGH ...!

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ナンバー 361：弱点（じゃくてん）…!!

ACHILLES HEEL...!!

BET YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO EVEN FREE YOURSELF.

DO YOU...!?

NOW, WHO'S THE ONE RUNNING OUT OF CHAKRA... HMMM!?

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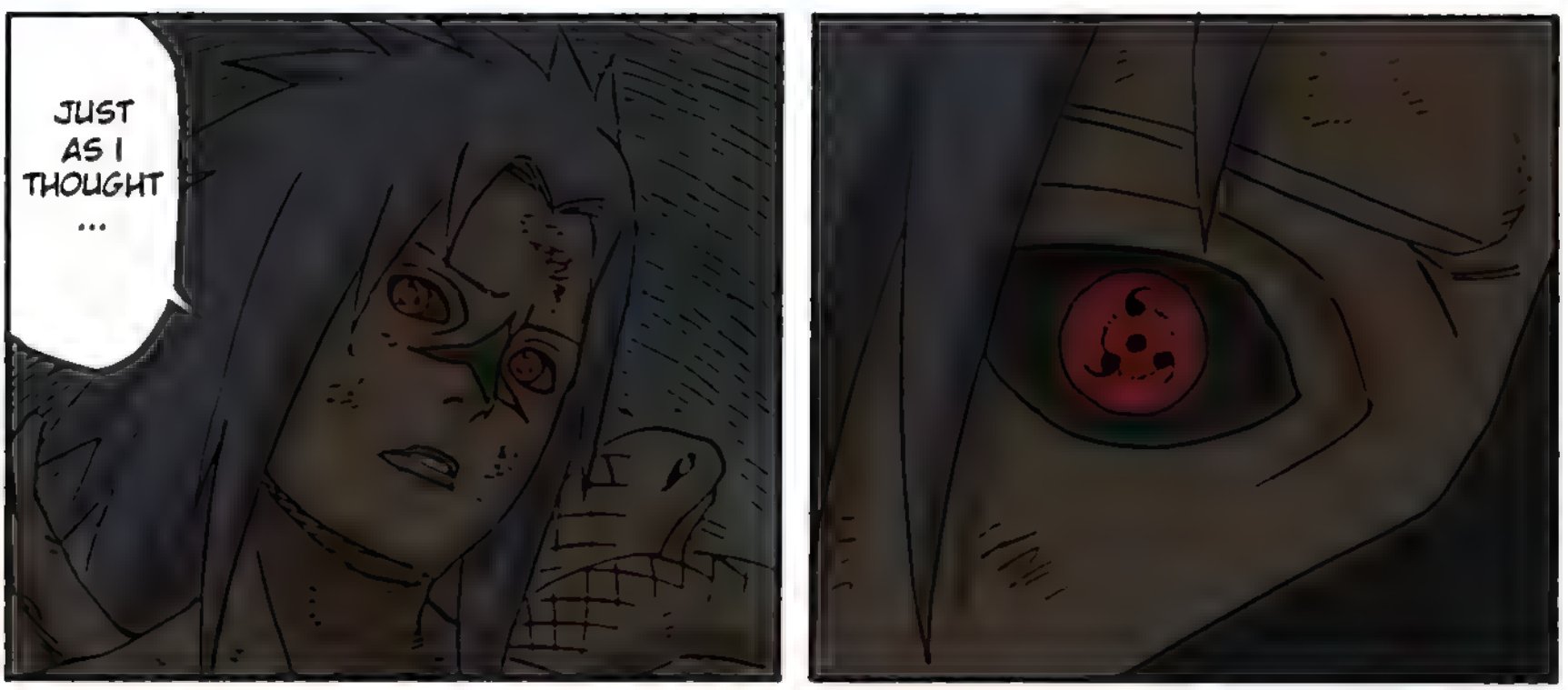

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THE INSIDE OF THIS MODEL IS JUST LIKE THE OTHER ONE.

FULL OF INVISIBLES C4 BOMBS...

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ALMOST USED ALL OF MY REMAINING CHAKRA ON THIS PIECE... THIS IS NO GOOD...

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...THAT HURTS...

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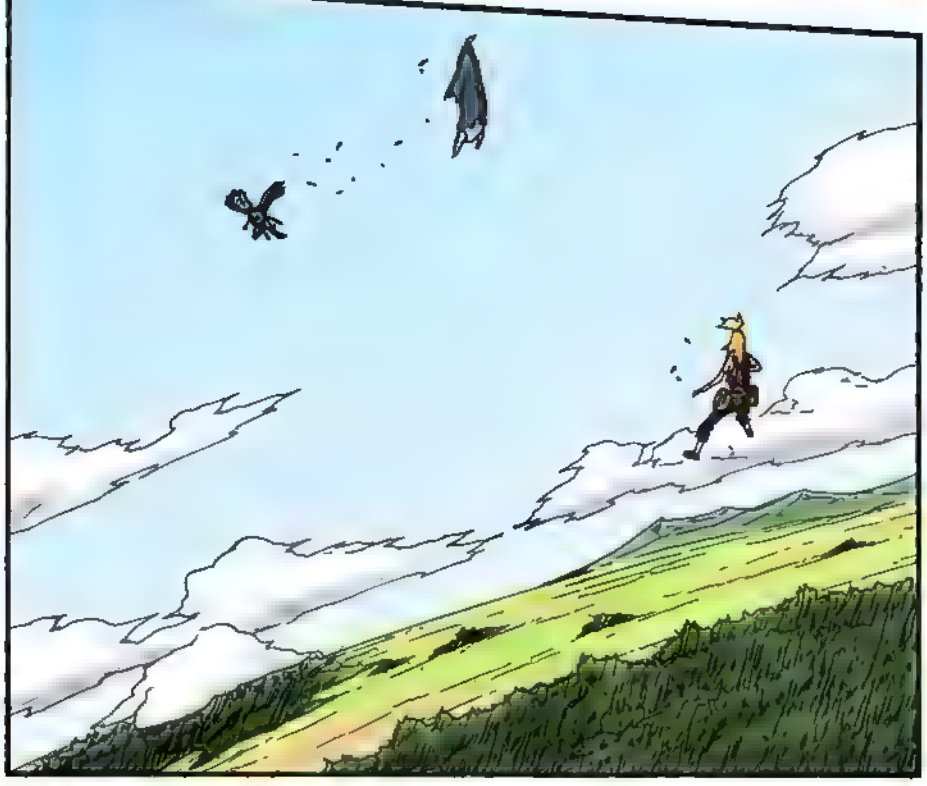

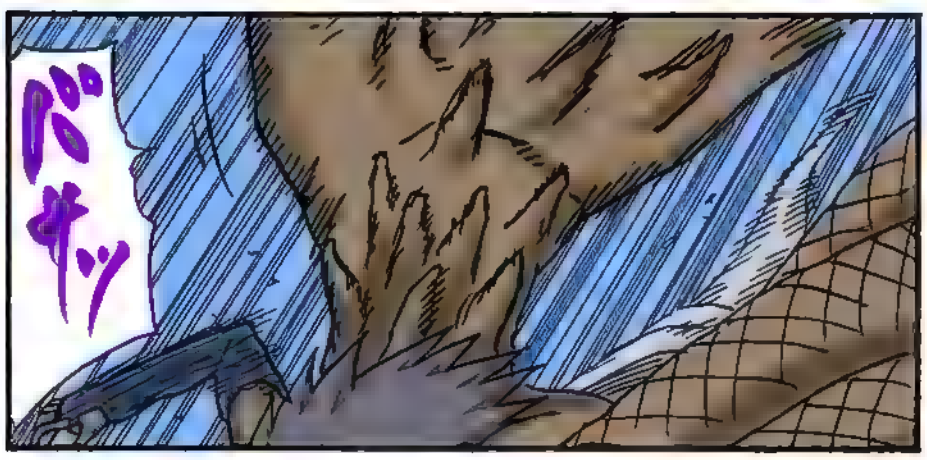

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YOUR LIGHTNING BLADE WILL NEVER REACH ME IN TIME FROM THAT DISTANCE!
GAME OVER!
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SFX: KATSU
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MY ART TRIUMPHS!!

I WON! I WON

HA HA... HA HA HA HA HA HA ...

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HMMM!?
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AARGH!!

WHAT...!? HOW...!?

THIS IS NO GENJUTSU... WHICH MEANS...

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HOW DID YOU... DISARM THE C4 BOMBS...?

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YEAH... FROM THE VERY BEGINNING ...

YOU KNEW...?

YOU...

NO, YOU COULDN`T POSSIBLY HAVE...

DOTON= EARTH STYLE

ALL OF YOUR JUTSU SO FAR, HAVE USED DOTON OR EARTH STYLE SIGNS.

...BECAUSE, NO MATTER HOW FAST YOU ARE, THESE EYES CAN READ THEM.

YOU WERE FACING THE SHARINGAN, YOU REALLY OUGHT TO WEAVE YOUR SIGNS OUT OF THE LINE OF SIGHT.

RAITON= LIGHTING STYLE

THEN, THAT LIGHTNING BLADE YOU USED...

SO YOU HAD FIGURED IT OUT...

YOU DO THE MATH.

MY CHIDORI IS RAITON OR LIGHTNING STYLE..

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NOW I SEE...

YOUR BOMBS CAN BE DEFUSED BY RUNNING RAITON THROUGH THEM...

...IT'S THEIR ACHILLES HEEL.

DOTON IS VULNERABLE TO RAITON

BY RUNNING THAT LIGHTNING BLADE THROUGH *YOURSELF...*

I CAN'T BELEIVE HE DISSECTED MY ART'S WEAK POINT SO QUICKLY...

WHEN DID YOU REALIZE IT?

BY THE WAY, MY JUTSU IS CALLED CHIDORI ...

YEAH... BUT THE EFFORT SURE WORE ME OUT.

...YOU TURNED ALL THE C4 INSIDE OF YOUR BODY INTO DUDS...

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WHEN I COUNTERED YOUR FIRST ATTACK WITH MY CHIDORI SENBON...

THOUGH, I'VE BEEN ANALYZING YOU FROM THE GET-GO.

AFTER YOU DETONATED THOSE LAND MINES.

...I NOTICED THAT AMONG THE BOMBS YOU HURLED AT ME...

...MANY OF THEM DIDN'T GO OFF.

THAT'S WHEN I FORMULATED A HYPOTHESIS ...

A HYPO-THESIS ...?

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...THAT YOU TOSSED TO NEGATE MY PARRY...

THAT THE ONLY ONE THAT DID GO OFF WAS THE SINGLE NEW BOMB...

BUT, I WASN'T SURE. MAYBE YOU DIDN'T DETONATE THEM ON PURPOSE...

...BECAUSE SOME HAD LANDED NEAR OF YOUR PATNER.

ALL OF THE PREVIOUS ONES PIERCED BY THE CHIDORI SENBON NEVER WENT OFF.

...ALL SET TO AUTOMA-TICALLY DETONATE UPON CONTACT.

THE GROUND AROUND YOU IS ALREADY COMPLE-TELY SEEDED WITH MINES...

YOU SAID YOURSELF, THE LAND MINES WERE RIGGED TO BLOW AUTOMA-TICALLY.

THAT`S RIGHT.

...OR BECAUSE OF ME, *HUH?*

YOU MEAN, YOU COULDN'T TELL IF THEY DIDN'T GO OFF BECAUSE OF YOUR CHIDORI ...

I SEE... SO YOU THEN TESTED YOUR THEORY OUT ON THE LAND MINES?

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A-AHH...

SO I COULD CONFIRM IF MY LIGHTNING JUTSU COULD NULLIFY YOUR EARTH STYLE BOMBS.

IF THEY DETONATED AUTOMATICALLY, THEY'RE NOT UNDER YOUR CONTROL.

I WAS TESTING MY HYPOTHESIS ...

...BY RUNNING MY CHIDORI CHARGED BLADE THROUGH A MINE I KNEW WAS THERE.

IT WASN'T TO SEE IF THERE WAS A MINE THERE OR NOT...

YEAH... WHEN I STABBED THE GROUND WITH MY BLADE.

...THESE EYES CAN SEE CHAKRA AS DIFFERENTS COLORS..

MAYBE YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME THE FIRST TIME...

HOW DID YOU EXACTLY THE LOCATIONS OF THE MINES!?

BUT... HOW...!?

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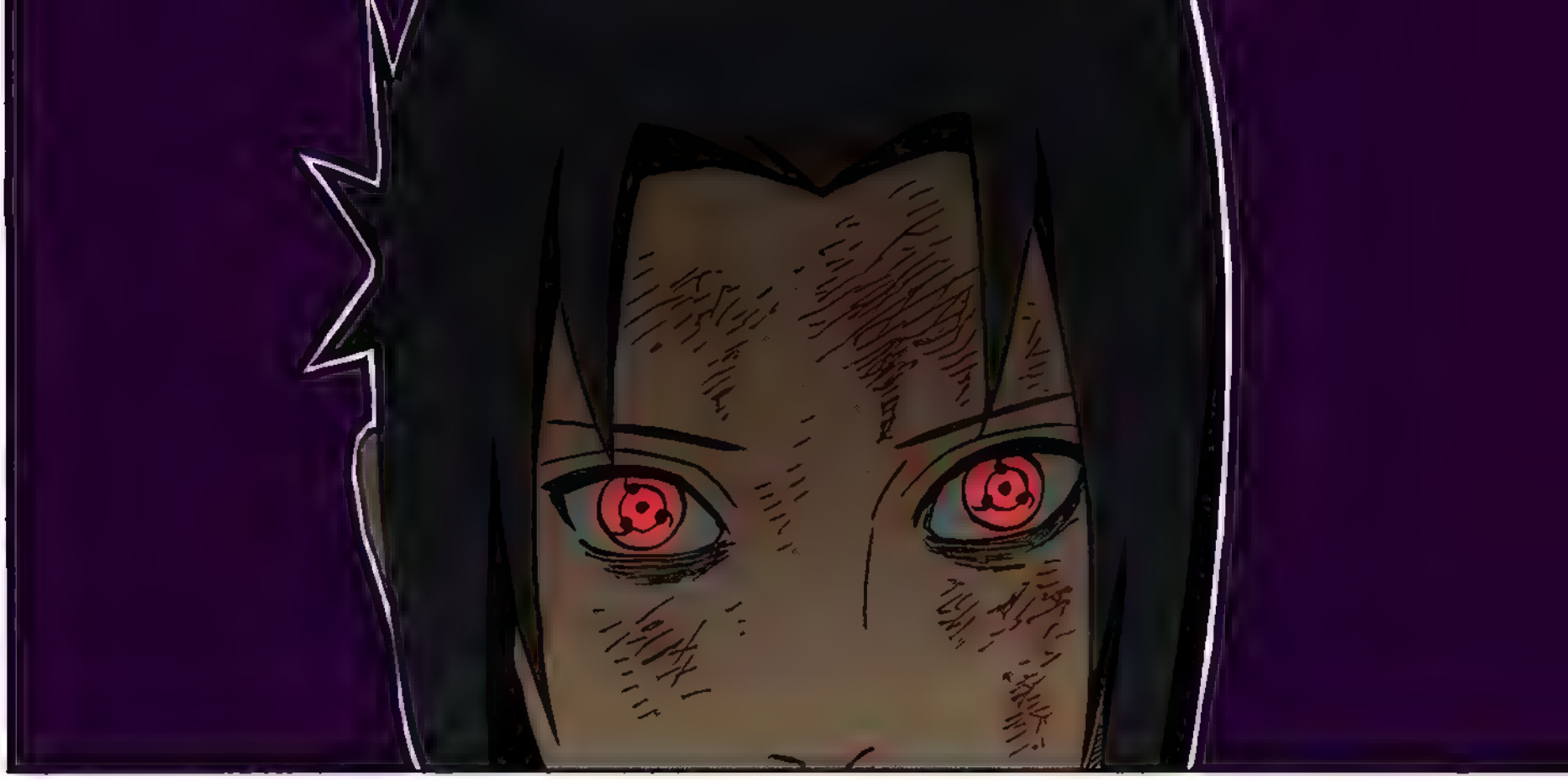

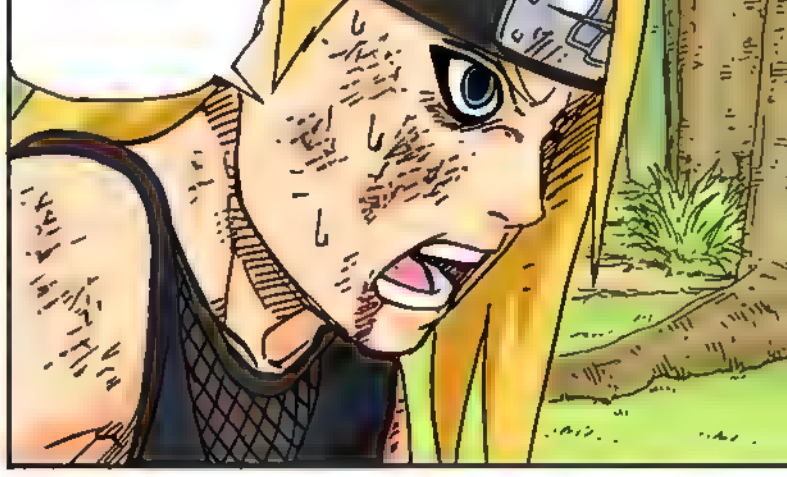

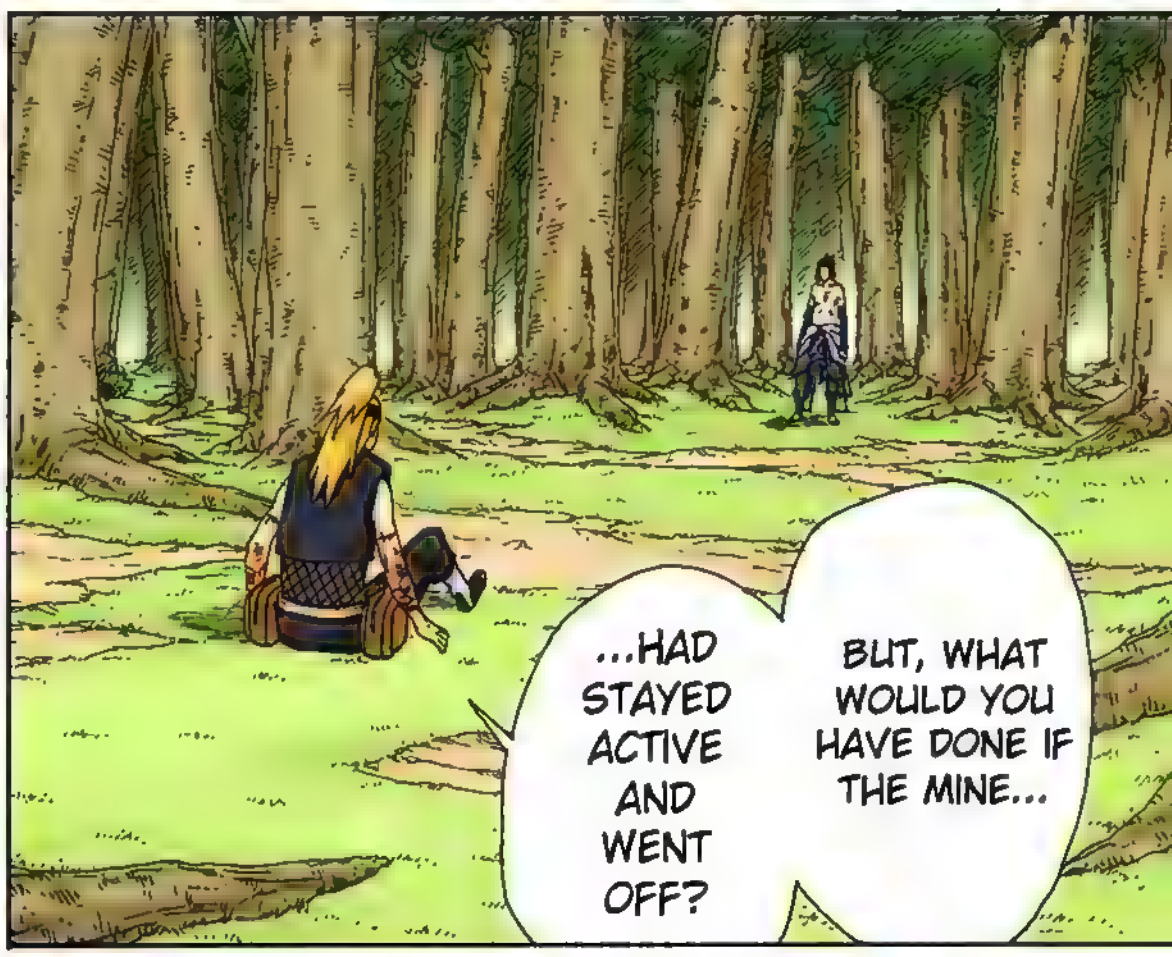

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HE... STILL HAS OTHER JUTSU ...?

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AGAIN... WHERE IS ITACHI?

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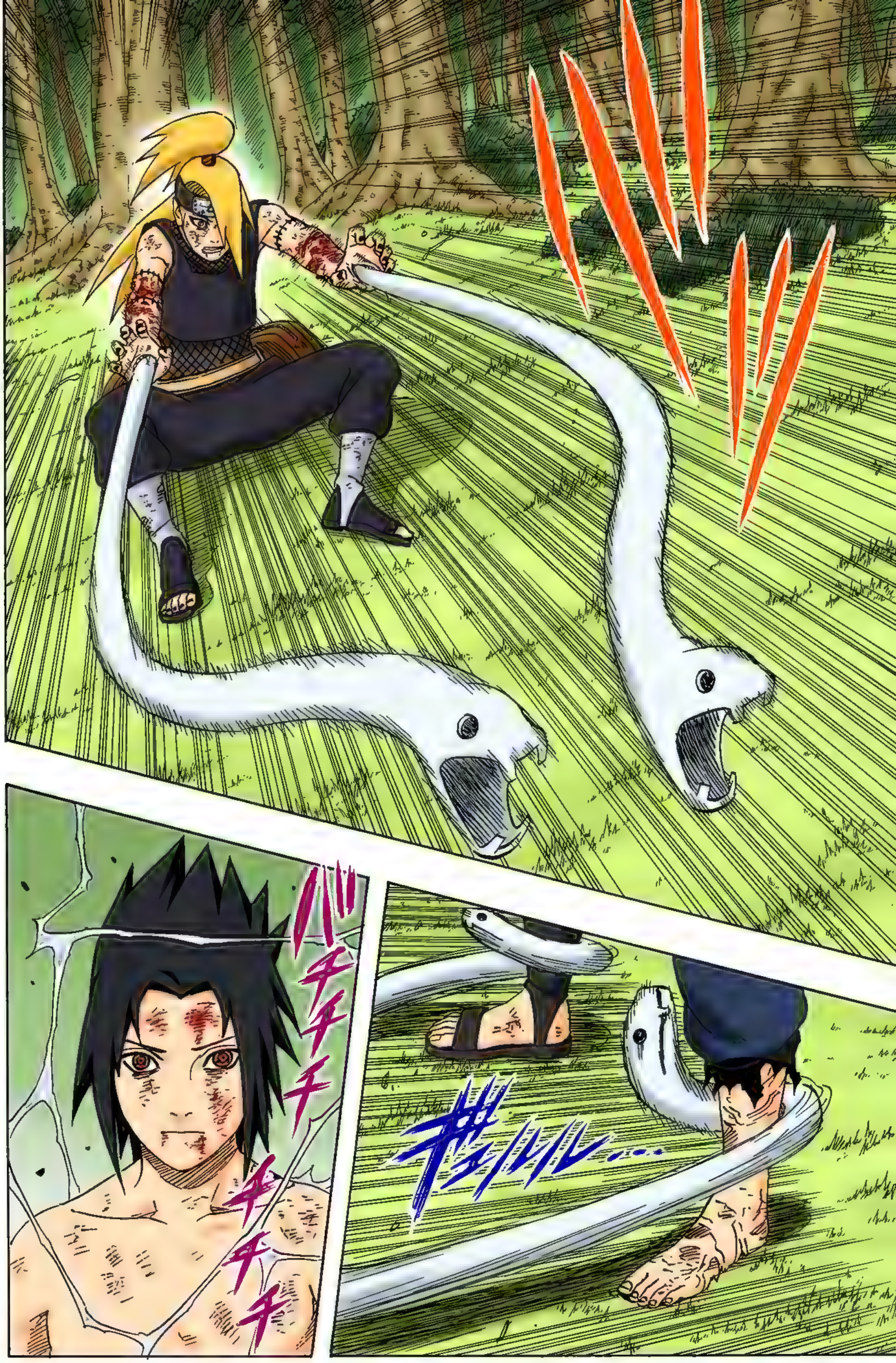

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YOU CHAKRA TOOK A BIG HIT, RIGHT THERE? *HMMM?*

HEH... YOU TALK TOUGH, BUT YOU'RE ON YOUR LAST LEGS TOO.

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CUZ' EVEN IF I CAN'T MOVE, I'VE STILL GOT MY DETONATING CLAY...

HEH HEH... VICTORY IS MINE.

...AREN`T YOU EVEN A LITTLE SCARED?

HMMM?

OH, COME ON...

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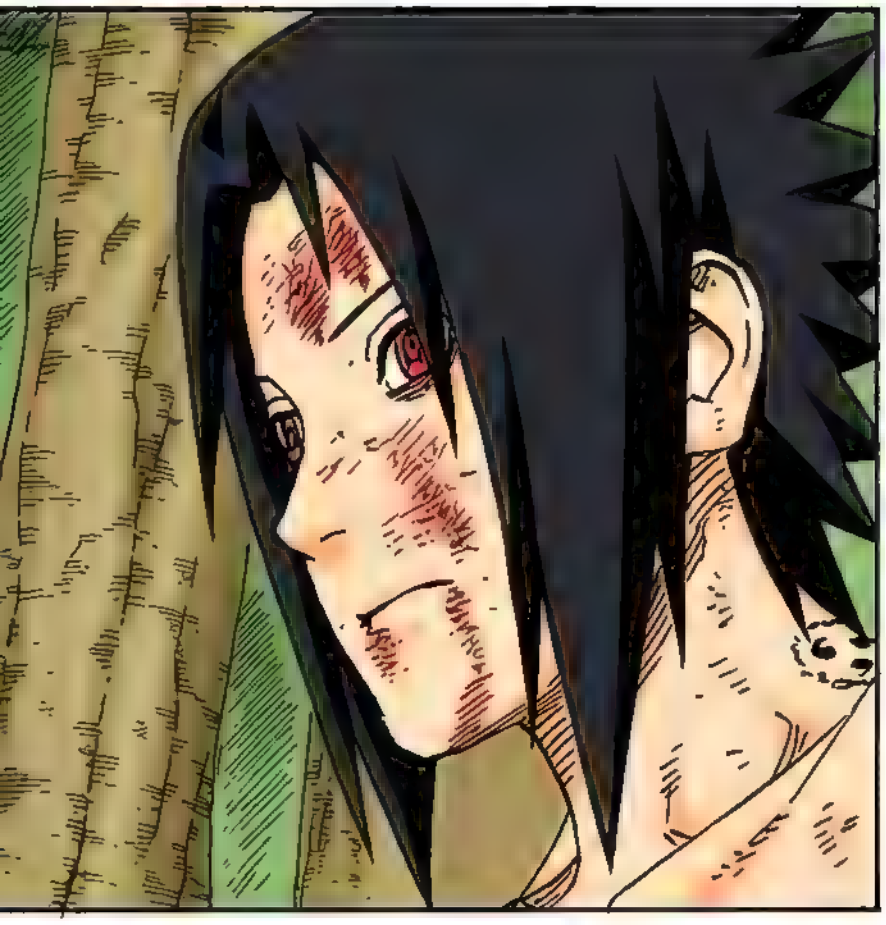
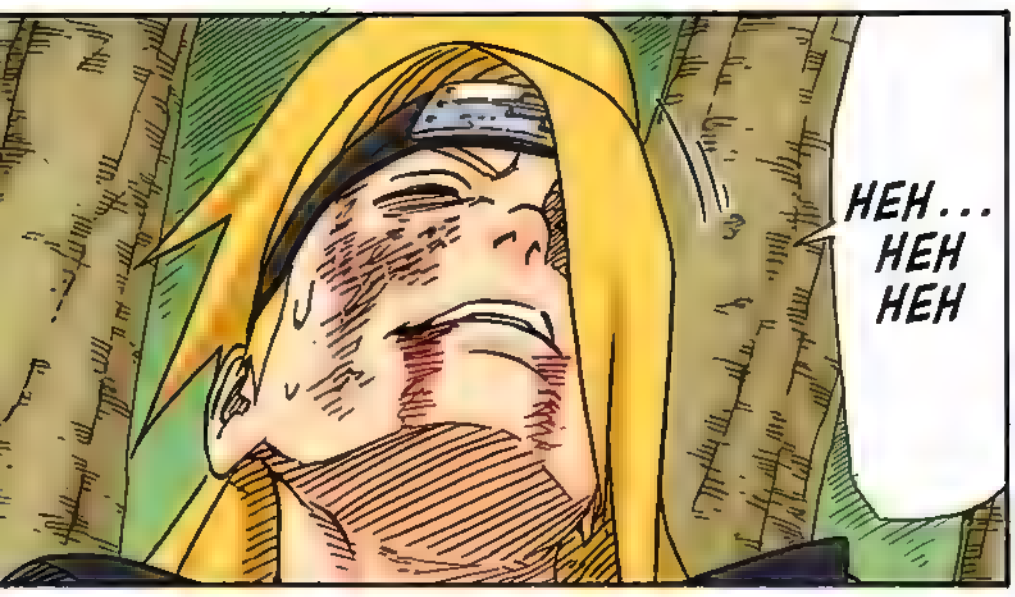


YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME...
...MY GREATEST MASTER-PIECE!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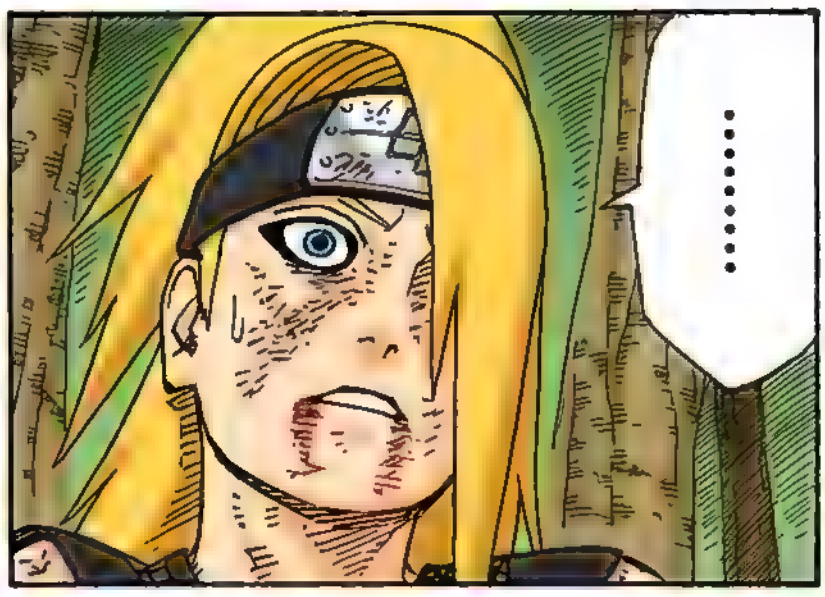
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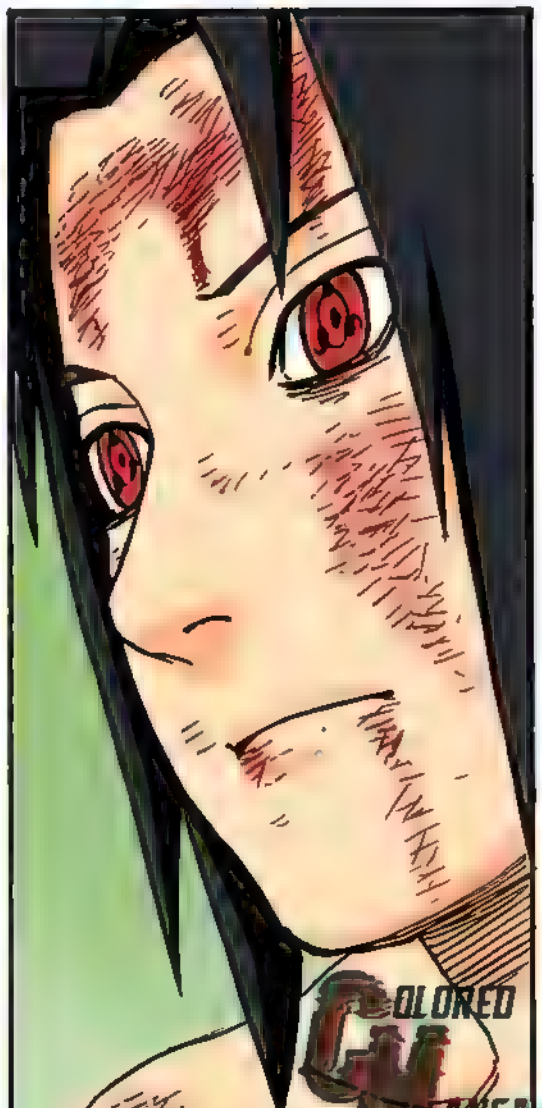
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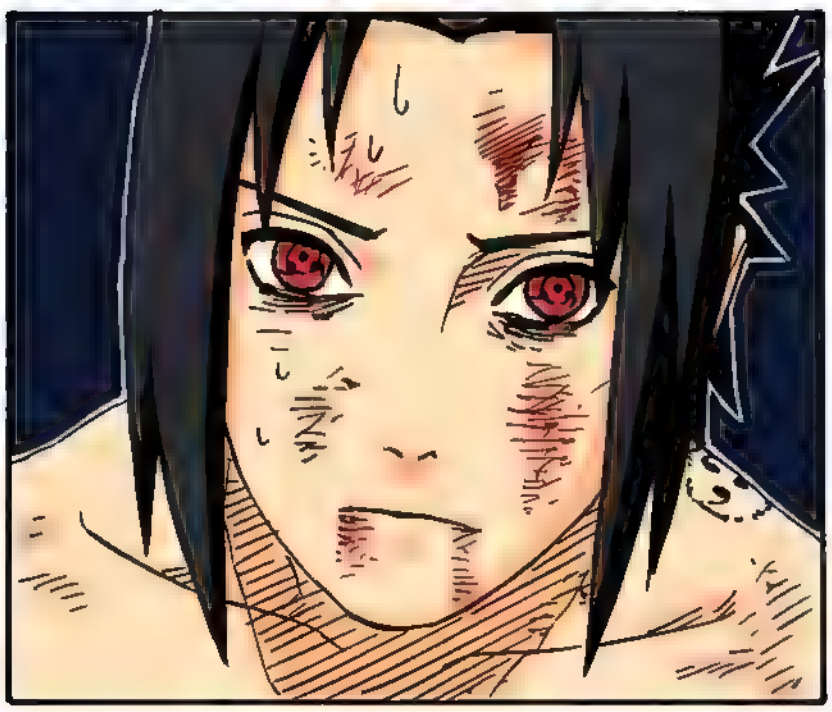
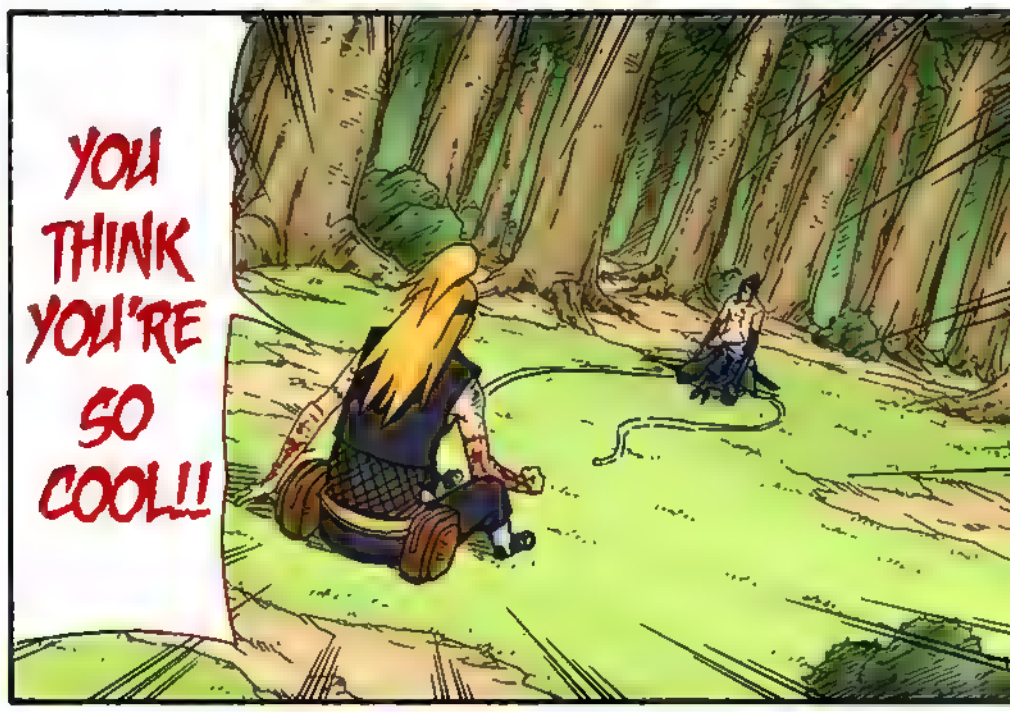
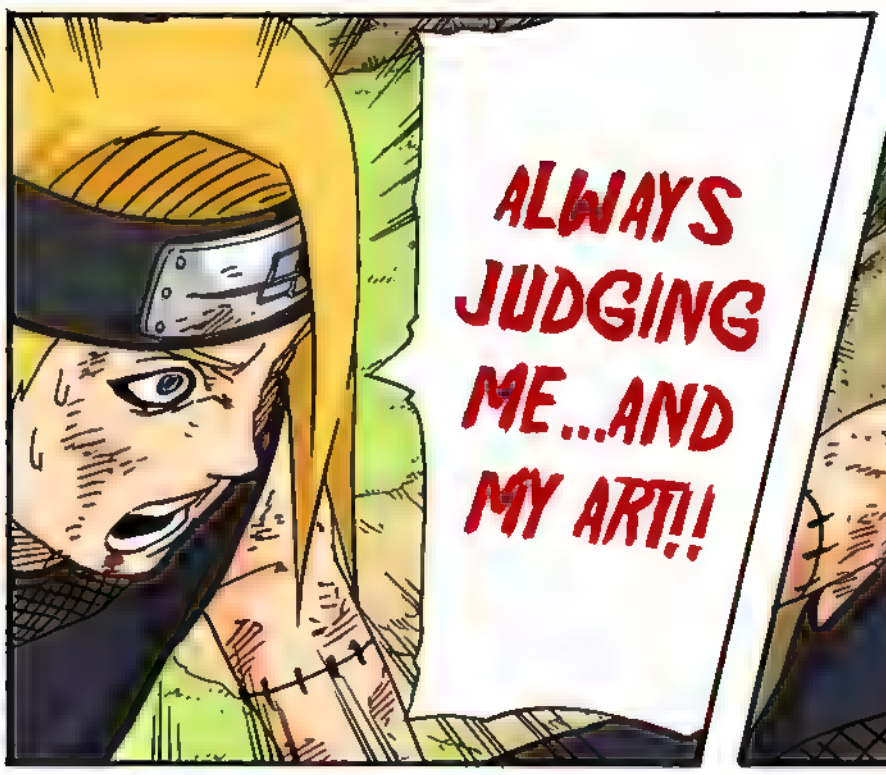
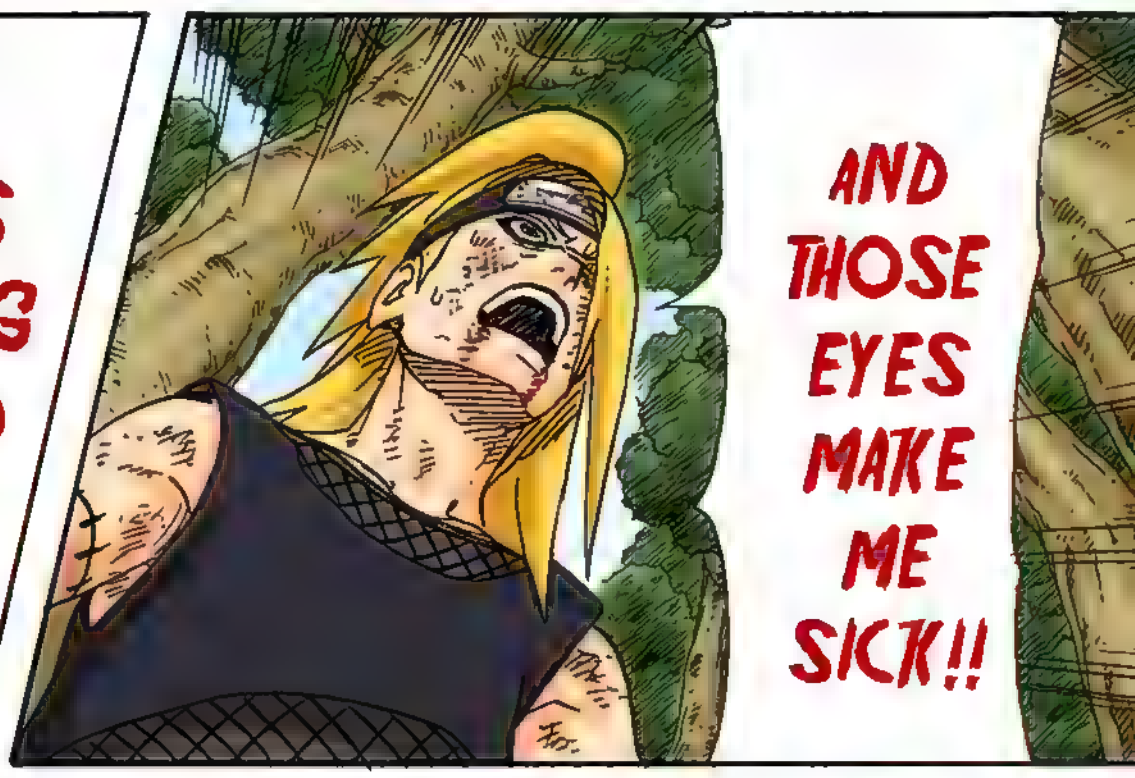
THAT IS WHAT ANNOYS ME ABOUT YOU THE MOST!!

BOTH OF YOU UCHIHA BOYS!!!









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...AND IT MAKES ME WANT TO KILL YOU!!

YOU HAVE NO APPRECIATION OF A TRUE MASTER... OR THE BEAUTY OF MY WORK...

I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHERE ITACHI IS.

I COULDN'T POSSIBLY CARE LESS ABOUT YOU WANT

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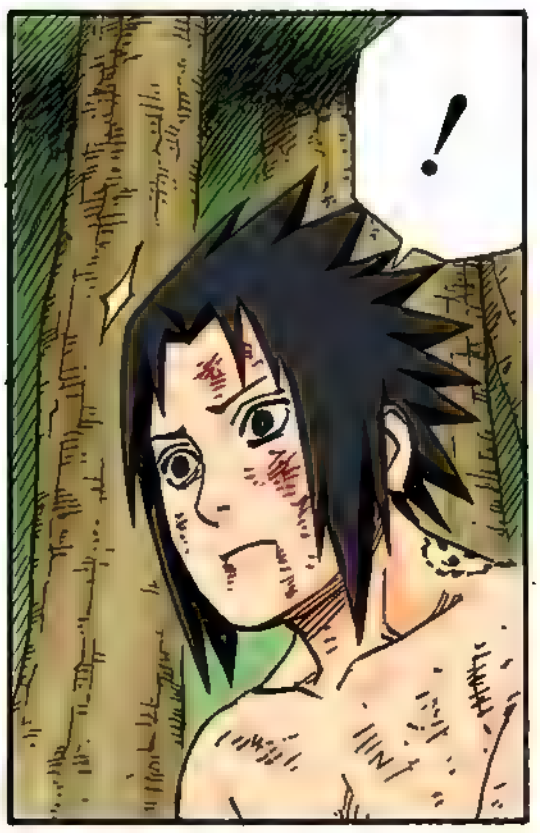

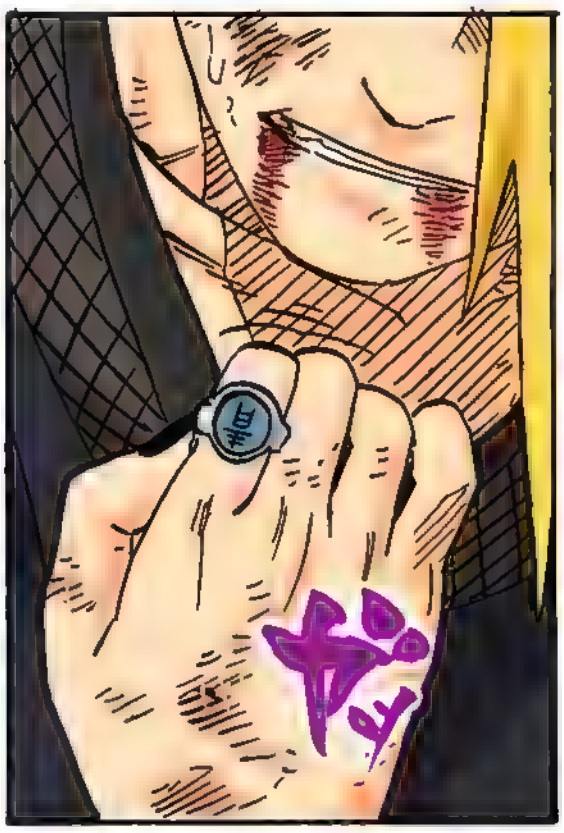

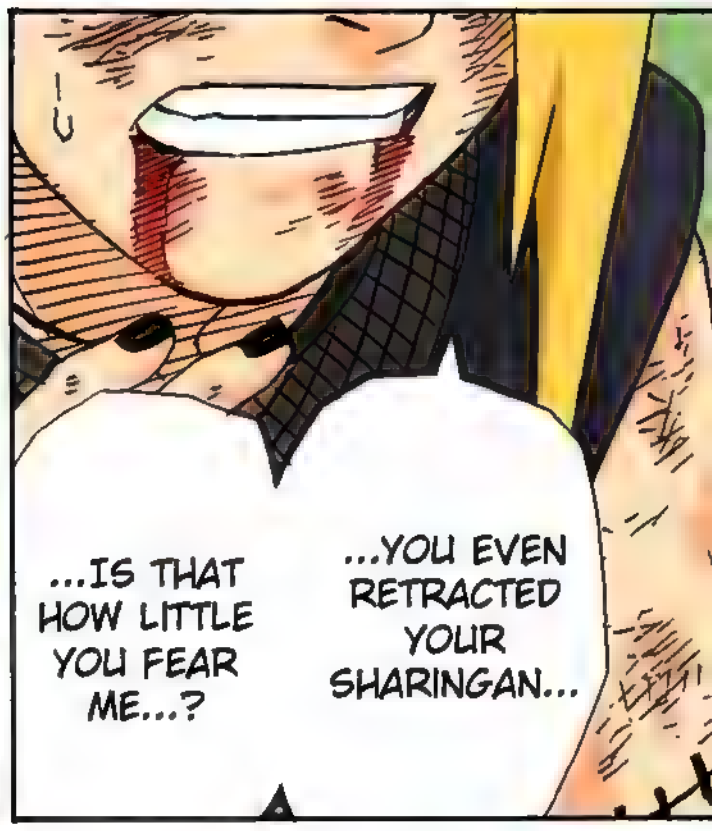

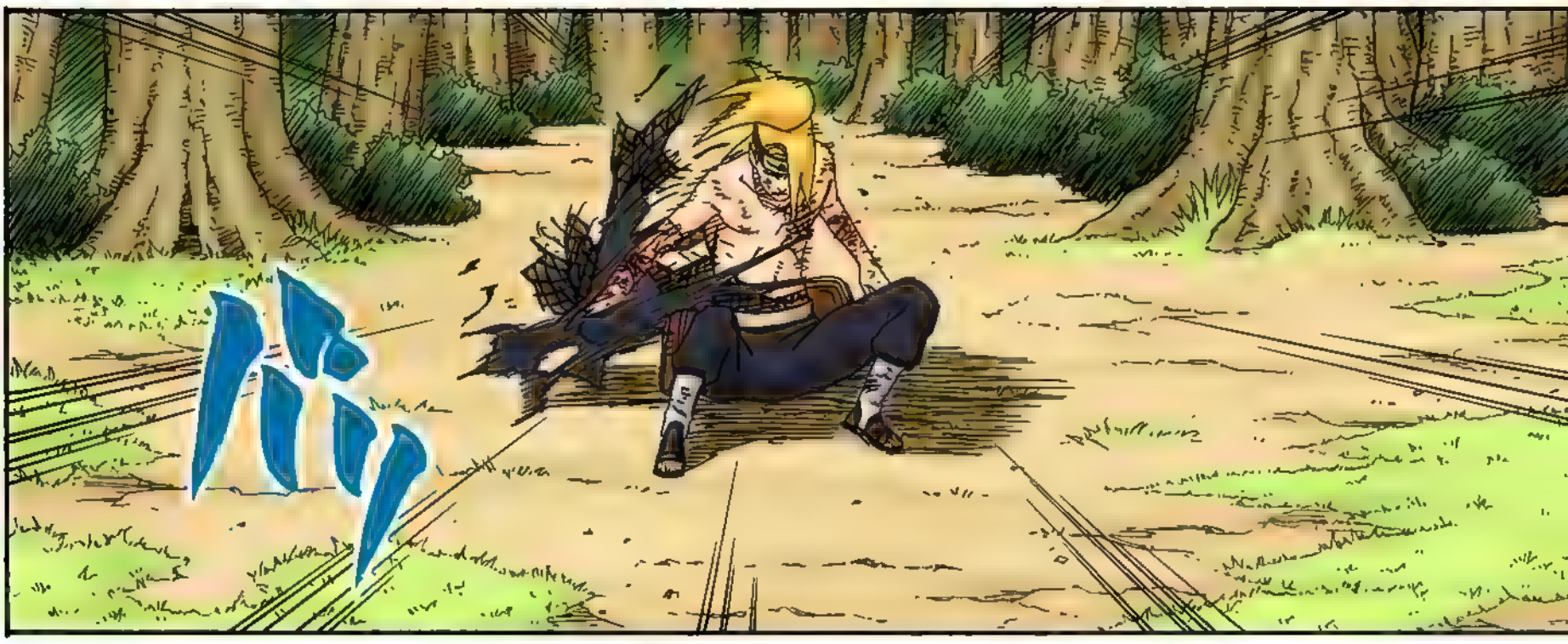

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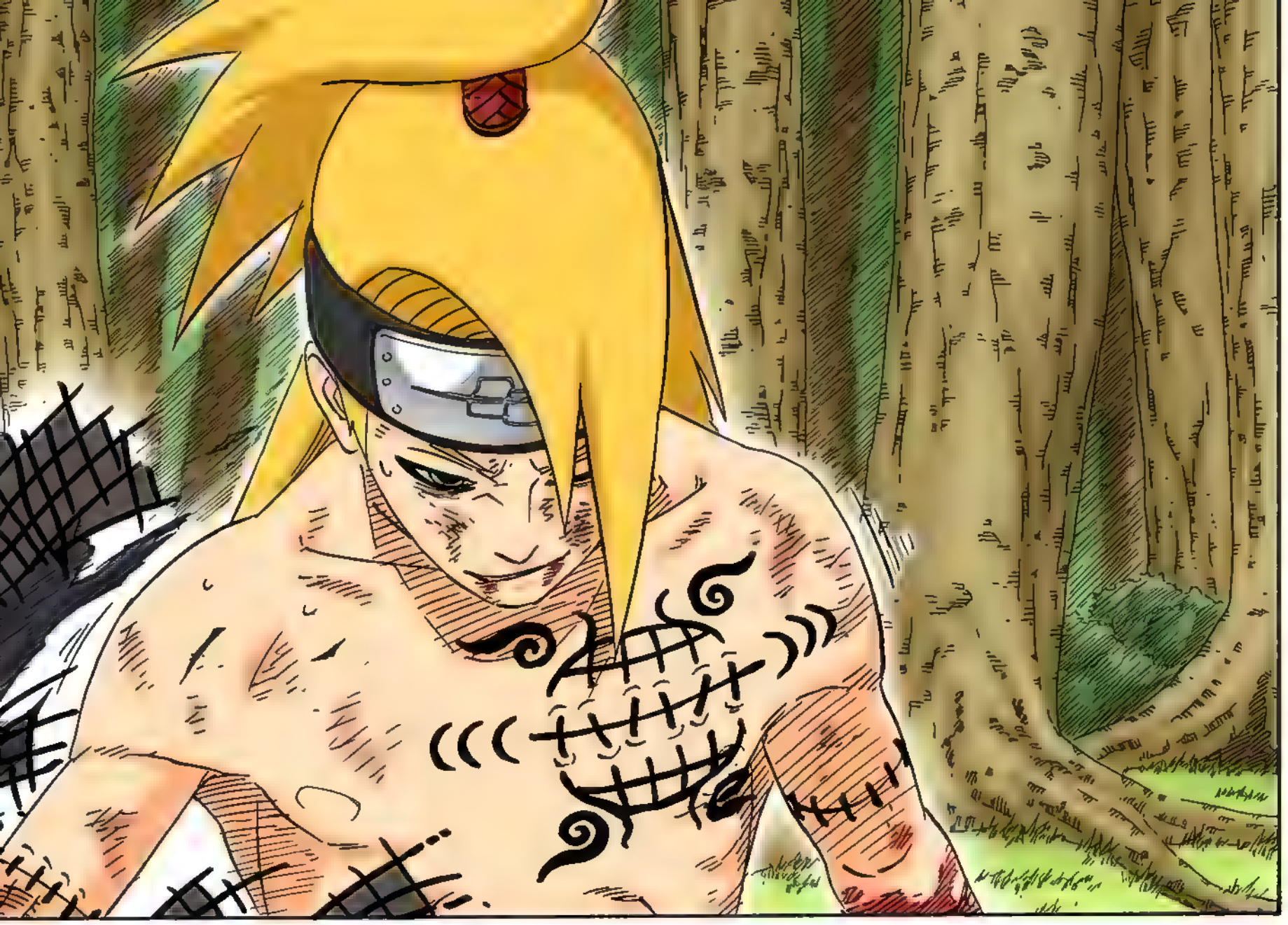

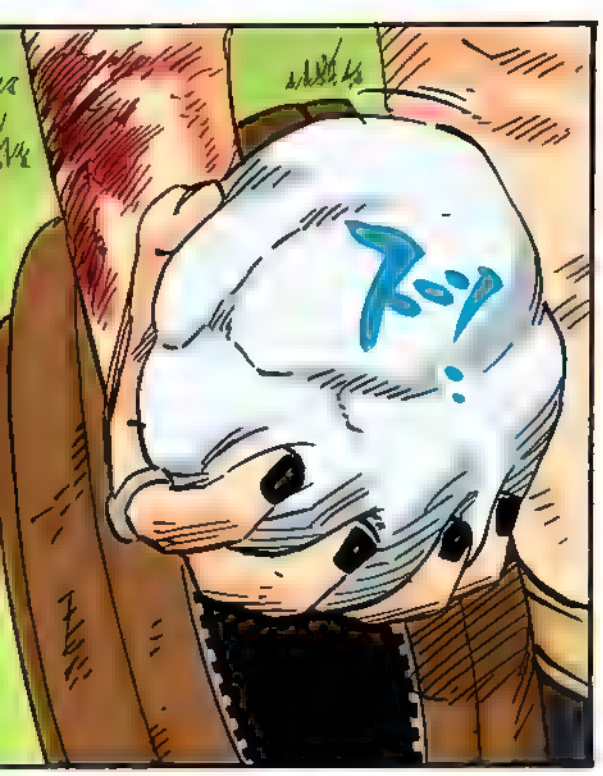

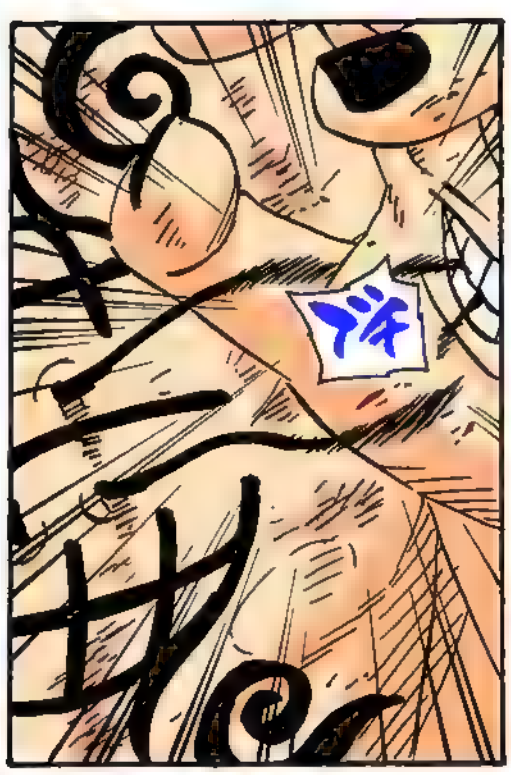

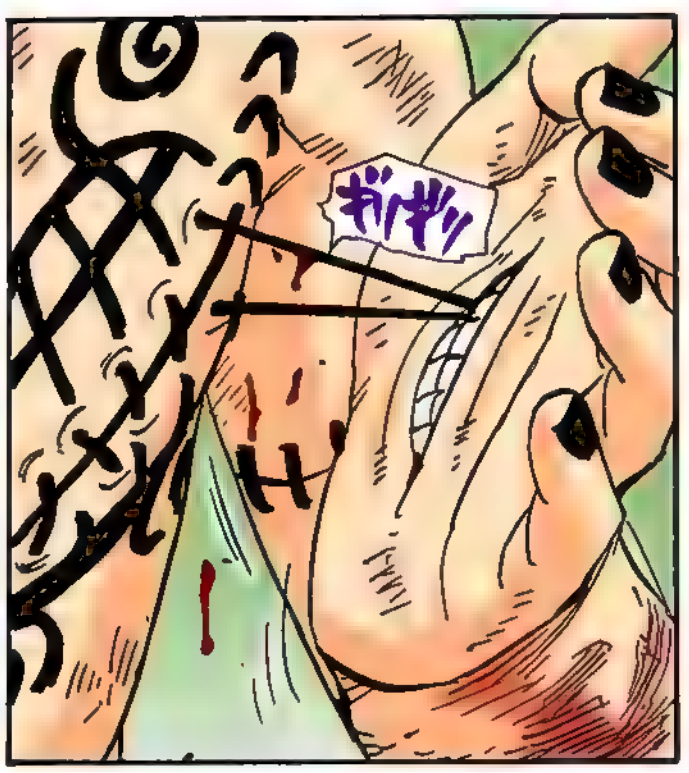

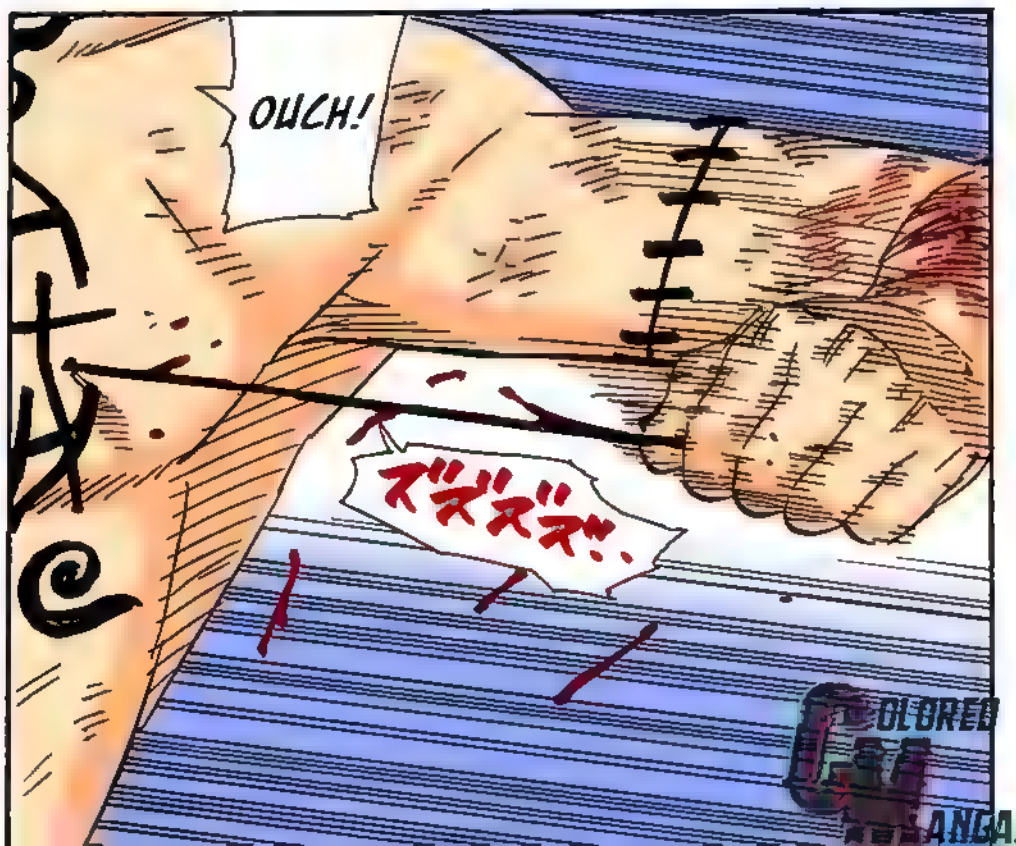

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BE-HOLD ...

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I SHALL DETONATE MYSELF!!

...MY ULTIMATE ART!!

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ONE THAT SCAR THE VERY EARTH ITSELF...

...AND RECEIVE RAVE REVIEWS FROM ALL MY CRITICS!

NEVER BEFORE HAS AN EXPLOSION LIKE THIS BEEN SEEN!

...HE'S INSANE ...!

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SORRY, TOBI...

FOR WITH MY DEATH—

I SHALL BECOME ART!

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...YOU WILL FINALLY DIE!!

AND WHEN I DO, UCHIHA SASUKE ...

NOT EVEN YOU CAN ESCAPE IT! HMM?!!

THE BLAST WILL COVER A 10 KILOMETER RADIUS!

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NOW, ARE YOU AFRAID!?

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CRY YOUR HEART OUT!!

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RECOIL IN DESPAIR!!

COWER IN AWE!!

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BECAUSE MY ART …

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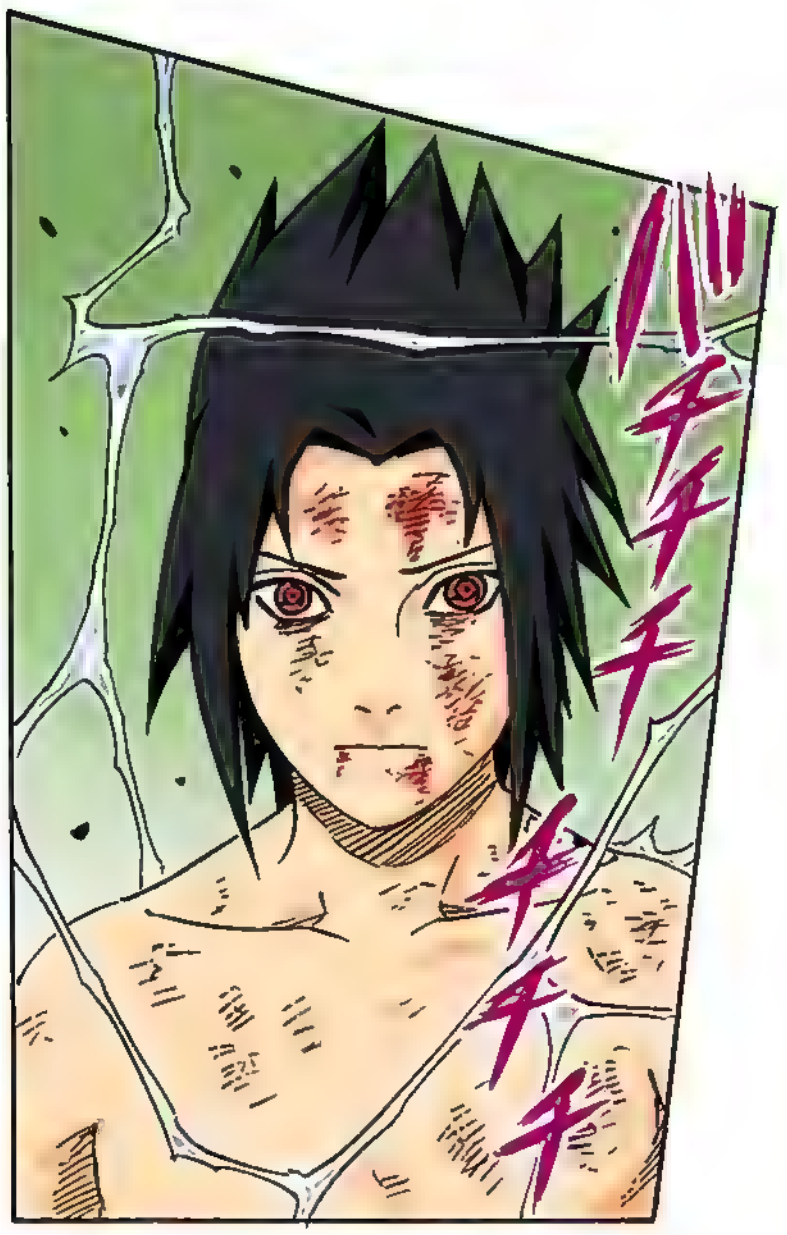
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363：SASUKE'S DEATH...!!

サスケの死(し)...!!

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WHAT...!

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KAKASHI?

WHAT IS THAT!?

WHAT THE!?

...IT'S THAT AKATSUKI MEMBER ...

FROM THE FEEL OF THAT CHAKRA...

HUH!?

HMM?

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...W-WHAT'S GOING ON?

LET'S CHECK IT OUT!

THAT'S ...

THAT'S ABOUT WHERE SASUKE IS...!

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I CAN'T SENSE SASUKE'S CHAKRA...!!

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PROBABLY GOT CAUGHT UP IN IT...

...SINCE I BELEIVE HE WAS WITHIN THE BLAST RANGE...

BUT, WHAT ABOUT TOBI?

THAT DEIDARA... HE'S BLOWN HIMSELF UP...

OH NO...!

...WHICH IS NEAR OUR RENDEZVOUS POINT...

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...JUST AS I FEARED!

SFX: WHISP

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DEIDARA'S DEAD.

AT LEAST HE WENT OUT WITH A BANG.

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SFX: ZWOOO

AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS ONE OF THE STRONGER ONES.

YES, BUT IT'S COST US ANOTHER MEMBER...

SASUKE.

HOW-EVER...

SASUKE, OR THE NINE TAILS' JINCHURIKI?

SO, WHO DID HIM IN...?

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...IT APPEARS, SASUKE HAS DIED AS WELL.

SO, DEIDARA TOOK HIM WITH HIM, HUH...

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DEIDARA DETONATED HIMSELF WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR HIS PATNER.

IT SEEMS, TOBI HAS DIED TOO.

FEEL LIKE WE'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING ...

HMM ...

DEIDARA SACRIFICED HIS LIFE TO SAVE YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE.

YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL, ITACHI.

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THE LOSS OF DEIDARA, HOWEVER, IS UNFORTUNATE...

NO MATTER... THAT ONE IS EASY ENOUGH TO REPLACE.

CAN'T BELIEVE THAT ESCAPE ARTIST COULDN'T GET AWAY...

...MUST'VE BEEN SOME JUTSU.

OH RIGHT, TOBI...

LET US TRY TO MOURN DEIDARA QUIETLY.

I MUST GO...

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SFX: ZWOO

..SO HE WAS QUITE TALENTED IN HIS OWN RIGHT.

AND YET, TOBI MANAGED TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD OF THIS GLOOMY ORGANIZATION ...

SFX: ZWO...

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SFX:Swish

ALL RIGHT...

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SFX: Plip Plop

SFX: pop

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N.T.SUMMONING JUTSU

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KUCHIYOSE NO JUTSU!!

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S-SO THIS IS OROCHI-MARU'S FAMILIAR, MANDA, HUH...

I KNOW EVEN HE HAD TROUBLE CONTROLLING THE SERPENT, SO HOW DID SASUKE ...

SFX: WHOOSH

I SEE, HE USED GENJUTSU...

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UGH...

YOU... USED... ME...

...YOU... INSOLENT BRAT...

WHO WERE YOU FIGHTING?

HEY, YOU'RE ALL BEAT UP!

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THOSE EYES... YOU... HYPNOTIZED ME... WITH THOSE EYES...

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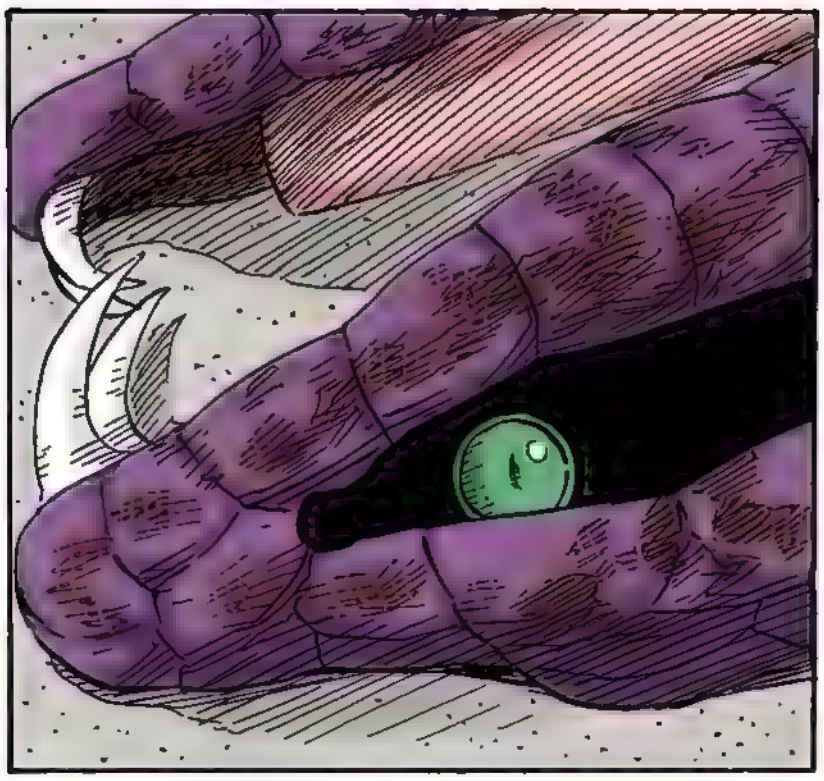

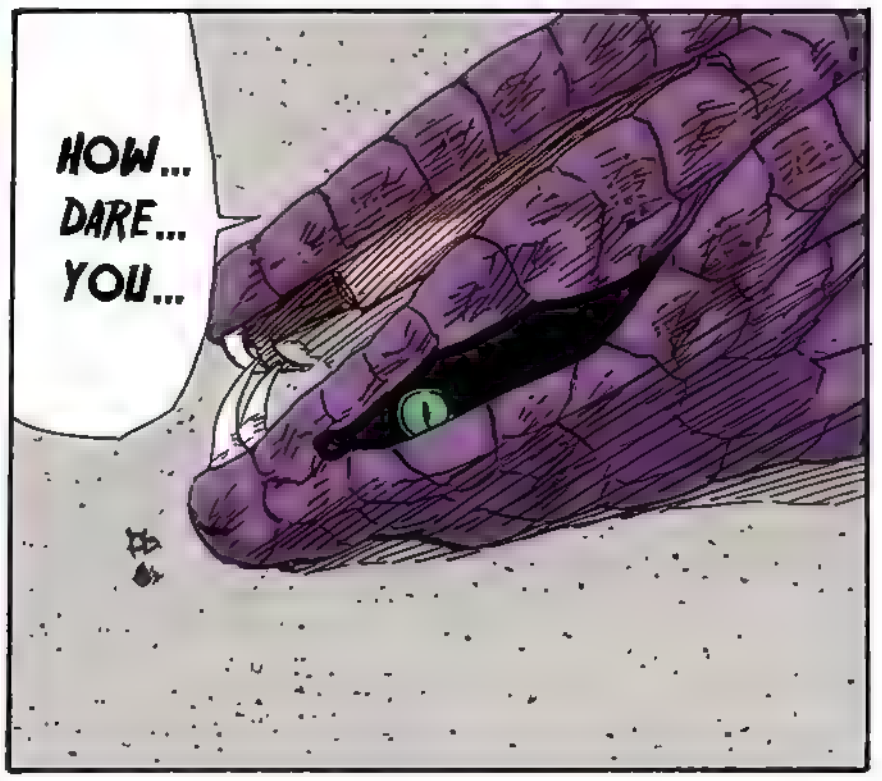

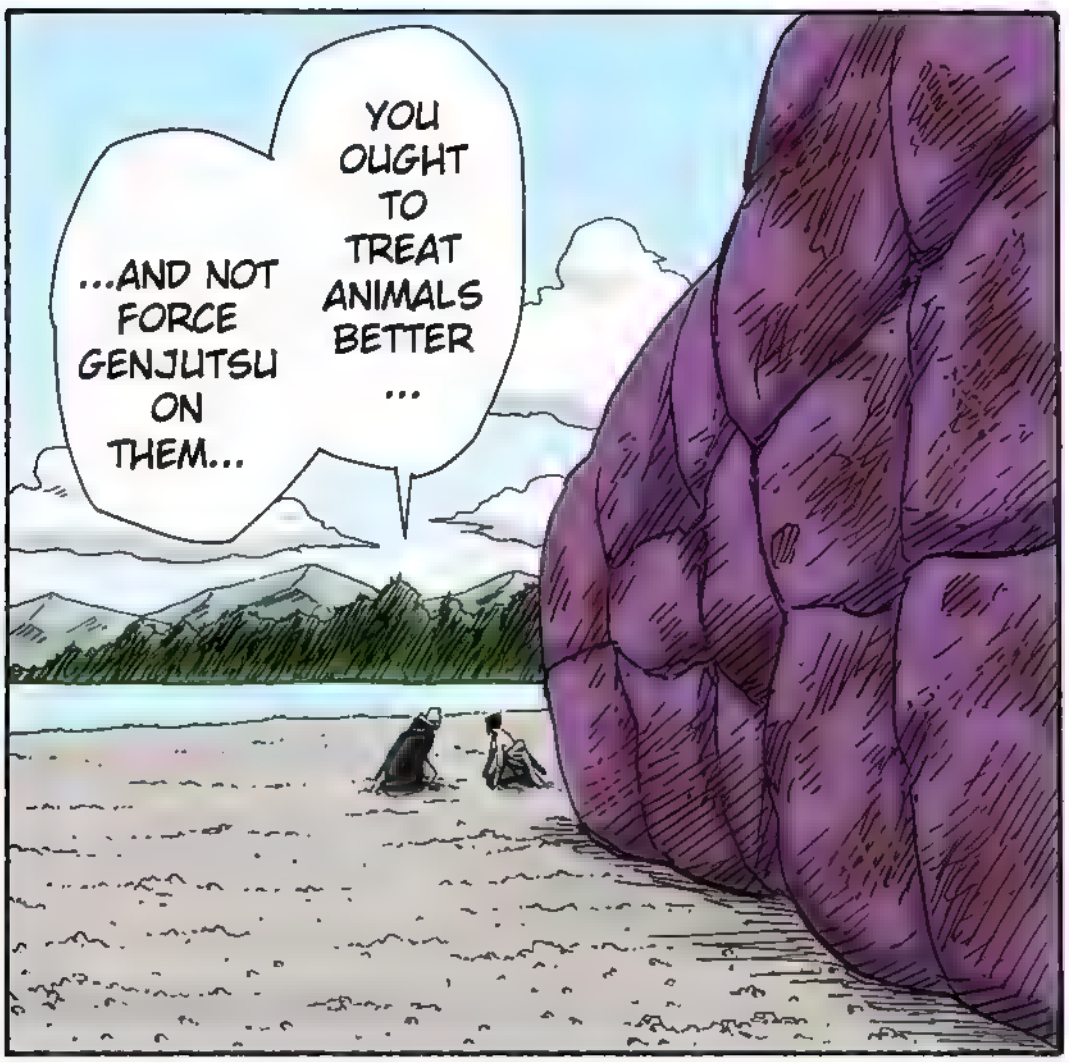

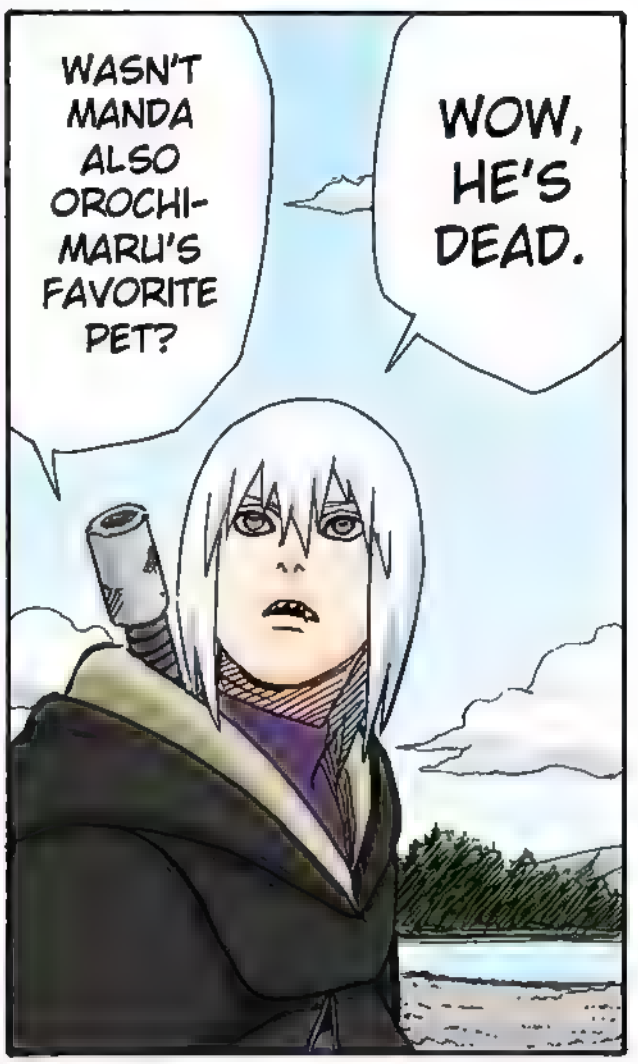

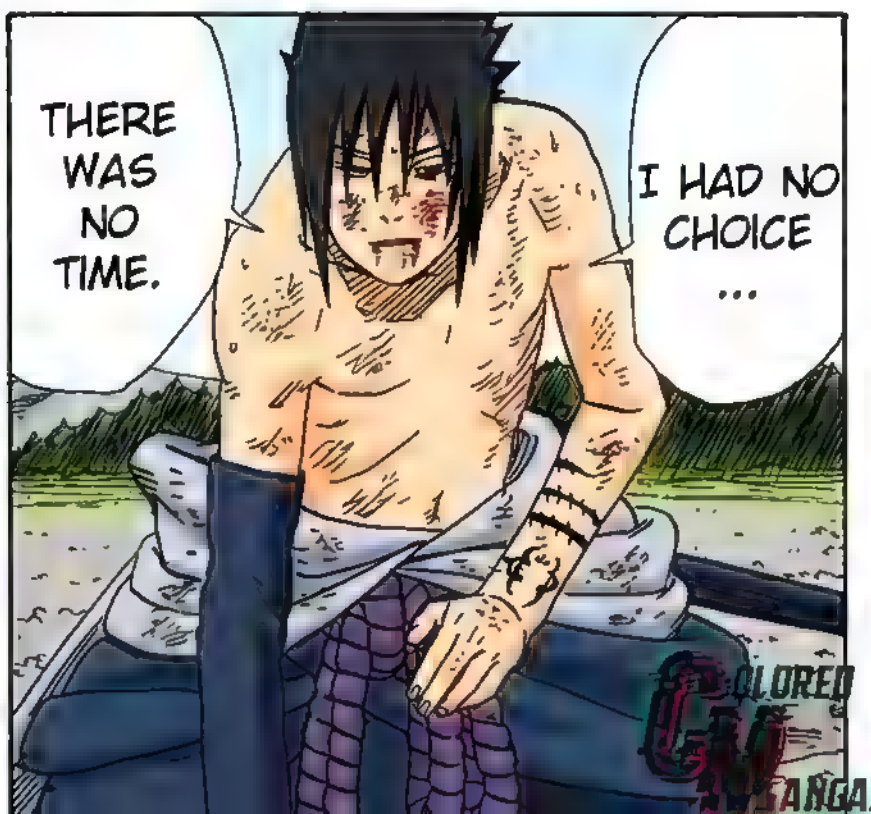

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YOUR CHAKRA SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK...

...BUT, I GUESS YOU WERE TELEPORTING, HUH?

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HERE.

...WHY ARE YOU SO BEAT UP?

WAIT... IF YOU USED TELEPORTATION NINJUTSU TO ESCAPE INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION INSIDE MANDA...

WHATEVER. YOU STILL NEED TO TAKE A LITTLE BREAK.

SASUKE ALL CUT UP AND BRUISED IS PRETTY SEXY TOO...

JUST BEFORE WE JUMPED, MANDA AND I WERE HIT BY THE BLAST WAVE.

MY OPPONENT WAS ONE OF THE AKATSUKI. HE WAS A LOT STRONGER THAN I'D ANTICIPATED...

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OROCHIMARU'S ILLNESS MADE HIM WEAK.

THAT'S ALL...

PATHETIC!! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ACTUALLY TOOK DOWN OROCHIMARU!

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PAIN, COME...

...HE'S HERE.

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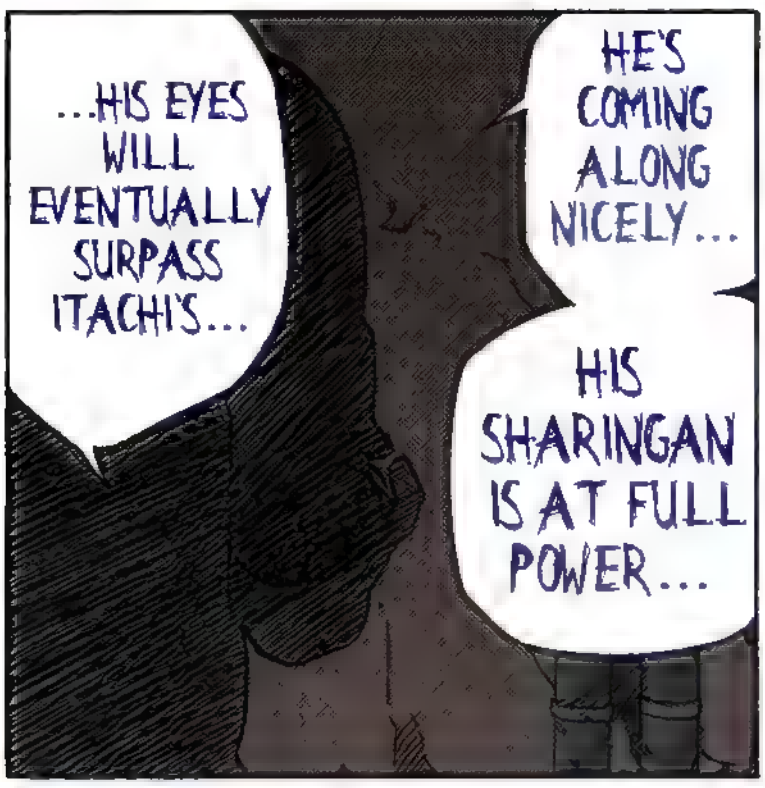
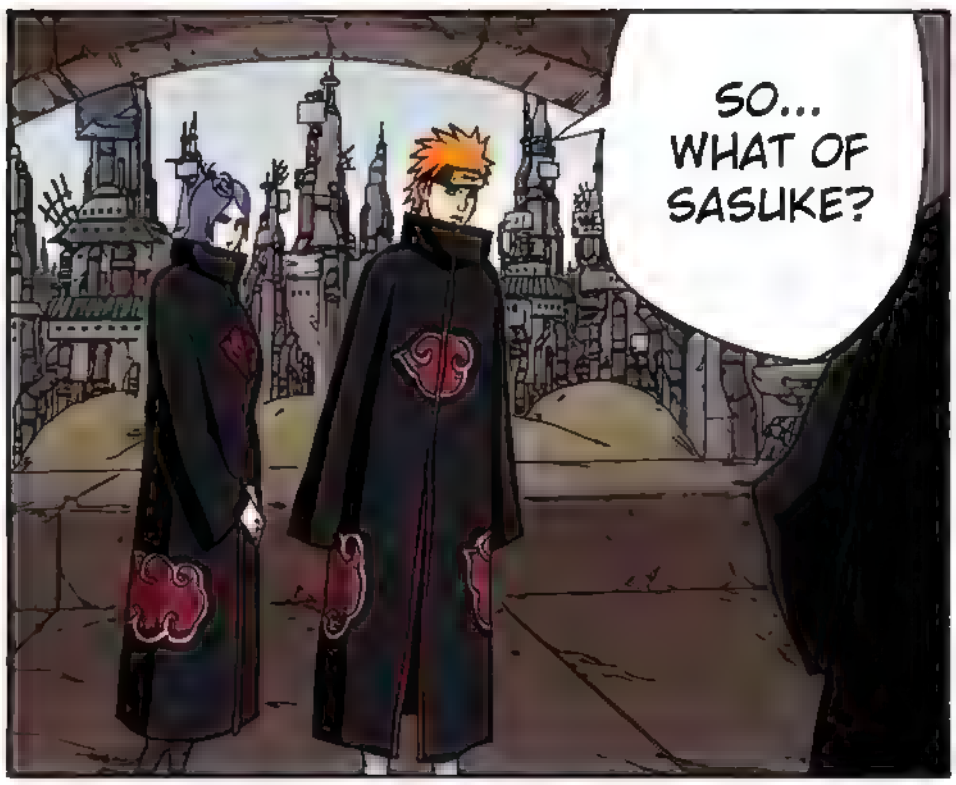
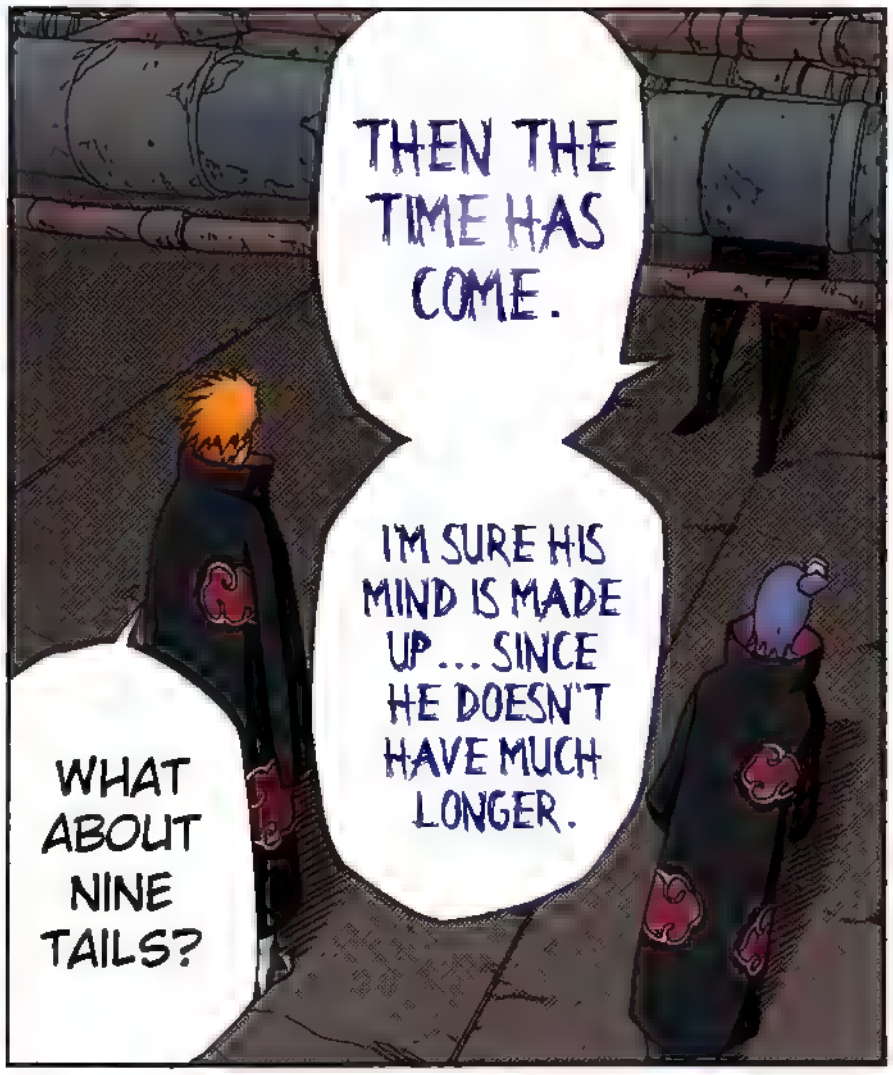

...HIS EYES WILL EVENTUALLY SURPASS ITACHI'S...
HE'S COMING ALONG NICELY...
HIS SHARINGAN IS AT FULL POWER...


SO... WHAT OF SASUKE?

AS LEADER, I WILL NOT TOLERATE FAILURE.
YOU HUNT IT.


THEN THE TIME HAS COME.
I'M SURE HIS MIND IS MADE UP... SINCE HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH LONGER.
WHAT ABOUT NINE TAILS?

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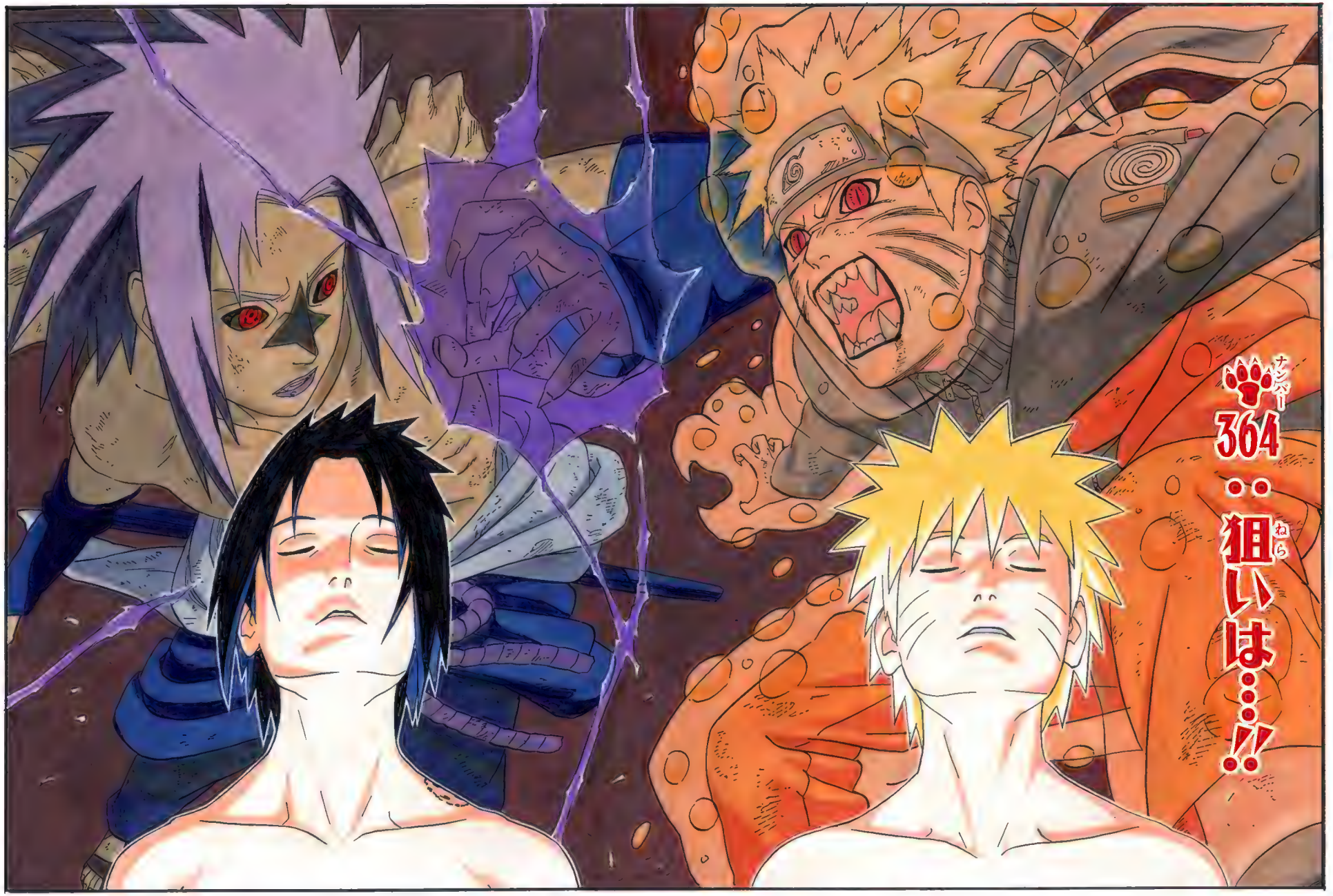

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YOU'RE GONNA CATCH SOMETHING IF WE STAY OUT IN THIS...

BUT, FROM WHERE I'M STANDING, LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE CRYING.

MAN, ITACHI, YOU'RE SO COLD I DON'T EVEN HAVE A CLUE...

...WHAT'S GOING ON YOUR HEAD RIGHT NOW...

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT ON THE UCHIHA CLAN...

SORRY ABOUT YOUR LITTLE BRO-THER...

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NO...

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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HE'S NOT DEAD...

...AND BESIDES ...

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...HAS FINALLY PASSED.

IT SEEMS THE STORM ...

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AND HERE SAYS: INN OKOSHI

HERE SAYS: NIKKO RELAY STATION.

SHOULDN'T YOU BE RESTING? YOU'RE IN NO SHAPE FOR THIS NOW!

...SO, HAVE YOU FOUND ANY LEADS ON ITACHI?

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.....

WE WERE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN SOME GENERAL INTEL ON THE AKATSUKI...

...BUT NOTHING PERTAINING DIRECTLY TO ITACHI.

...AND HAVE PINPOINTED A FEW OF THEIR HIDEOUTS.

I'VE BEEN CONVERSING WITH ANIMALS...

SPECIAL CHAKRA?

SEEMS THEY'RE TARGETING OSPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS...

...WHO POSSEESS SPECIAL CHAKRA.

HUH... JUST LIKE KARIN.

WOW ...

...SO NOW EVEN LOWLY ANIMALS CAN SENSE CHAKRA, EH...

...EMANATING FROM THOSE PLACES.

THEY SAY THEY SENSE POWERFUL, UNPLEASANT CHAKRA...

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GAH!!

WHAT DID YOU SAY!!?

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HEY, WAI...

WAIT A SEC, WILL YA!

THAT'S IT, SUIGETSU! I'VE HAD ENOUGH 'OF YOU!

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I WANT TO KILL YOU... I DON'T CARE WHICH ONE OF YOU...

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CINN OKOSHI

CALM DOWN, JUGO.

SHIT! JUGO'S KILLING IMPULSES HAVE BEEN AWAKENED!

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HURRY UP, SASUKE!

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I-IM SORRY...

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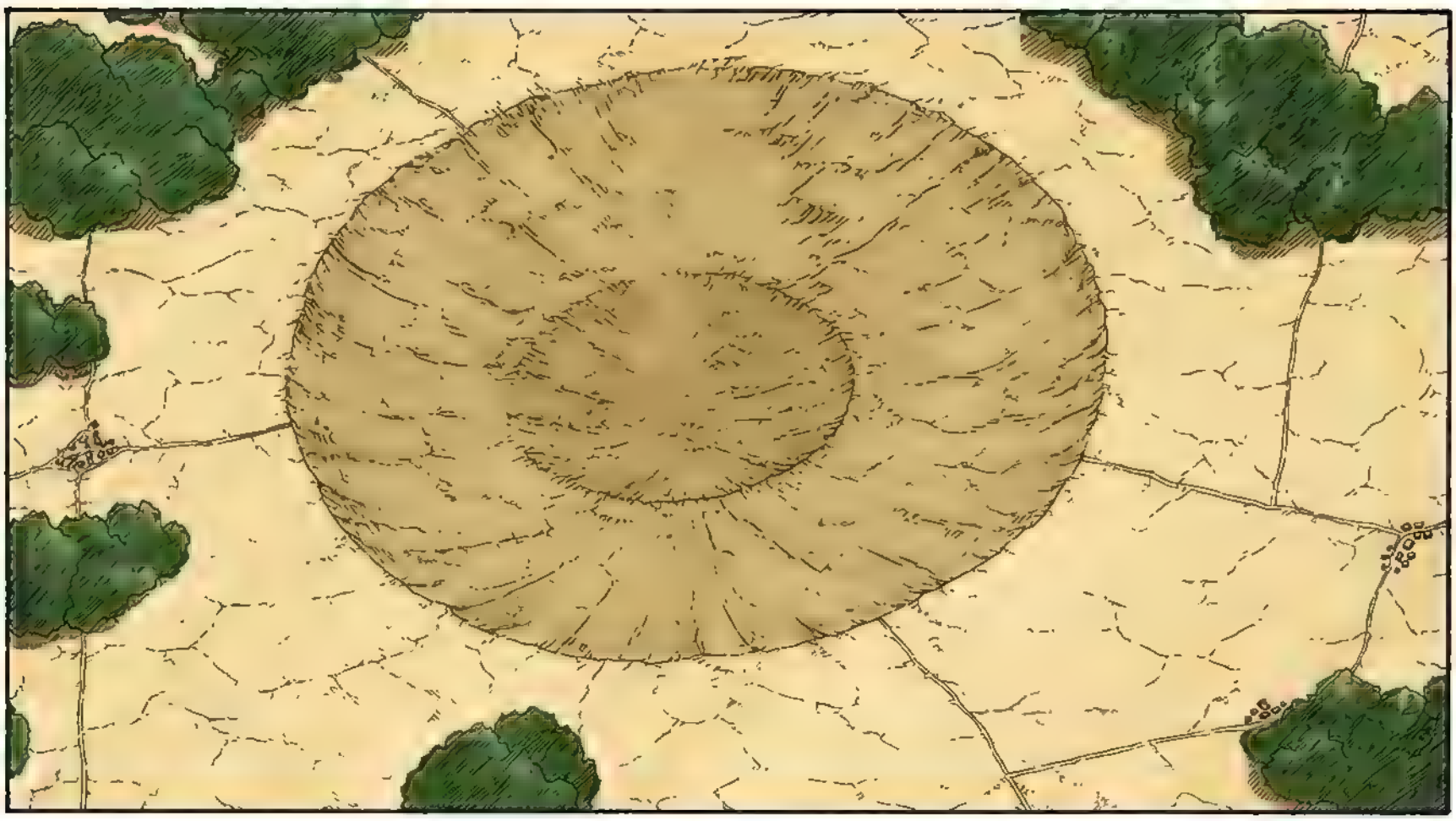

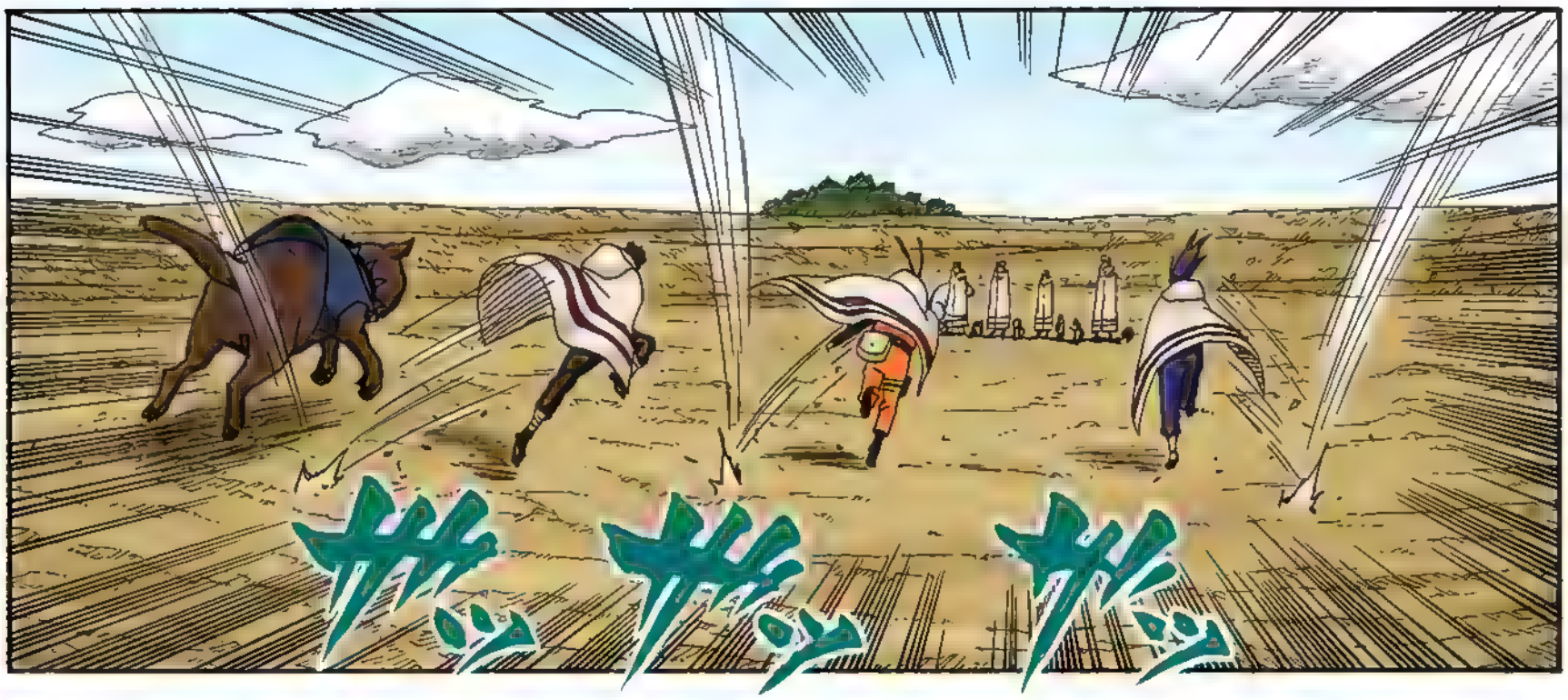

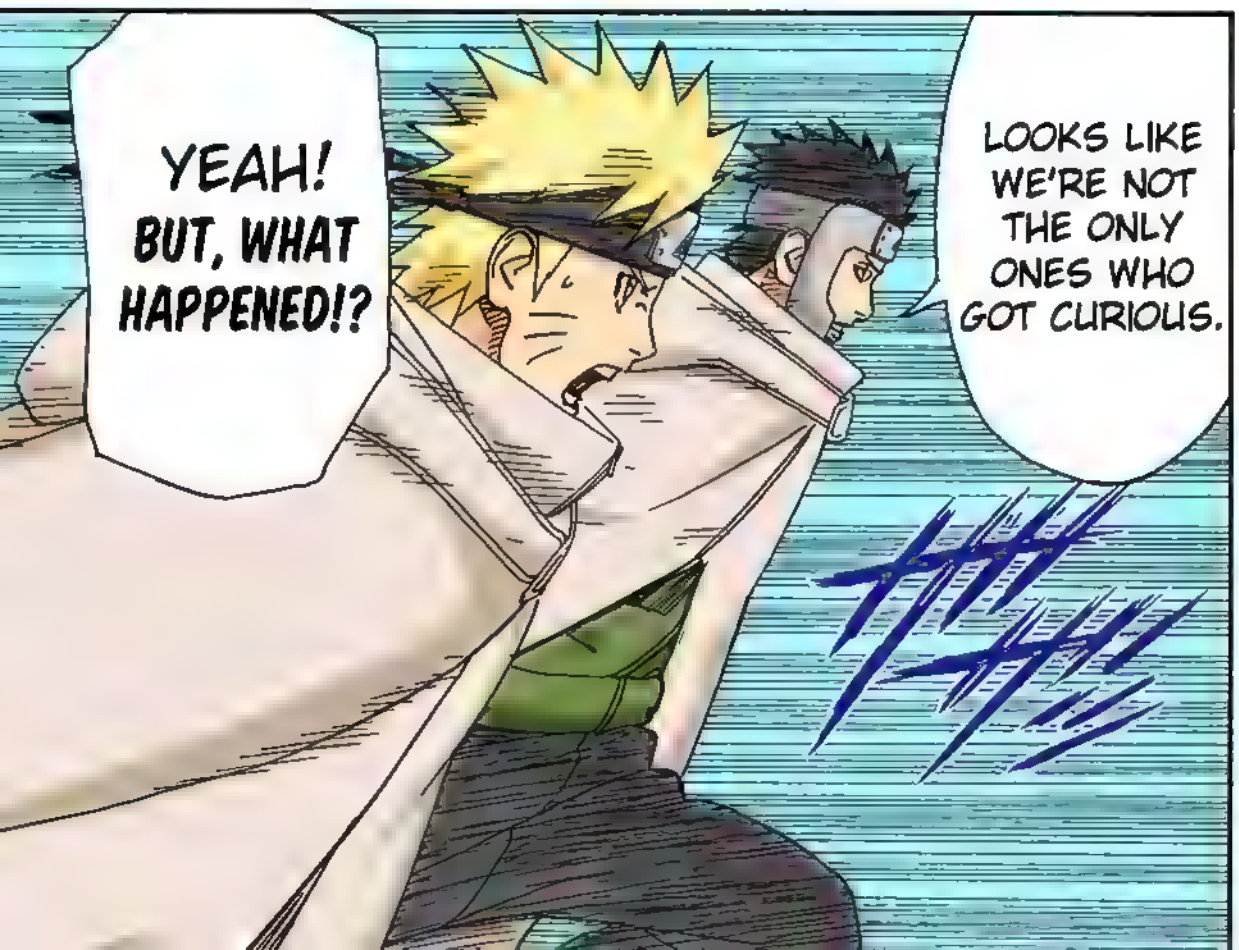

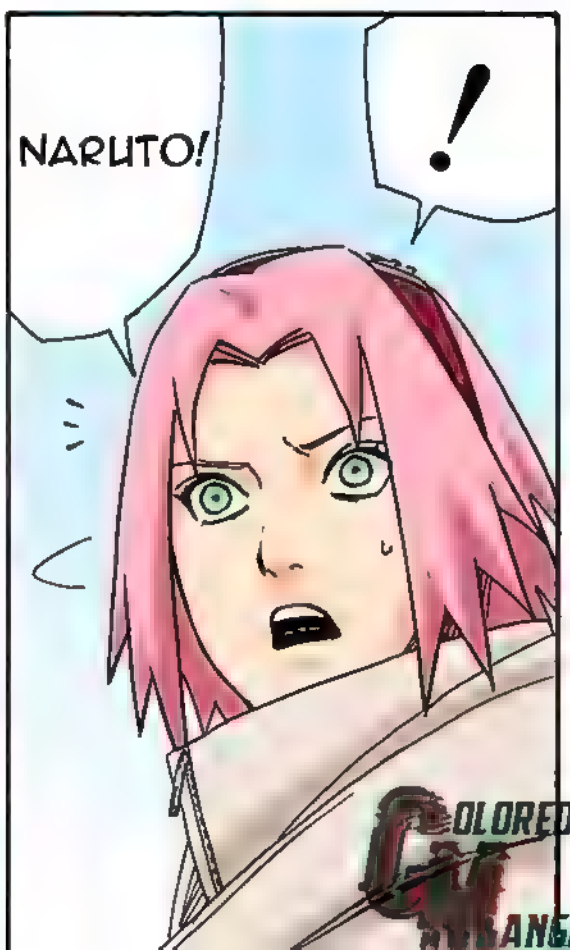

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THERE'S EVIDENCE SASUKE WAS HERE UNTIL JUST BEFORE WE ARRIVED!

BY THE LOOK OF THIS CRATER, A BATTLE WAS FOUGHT HERE...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

PLUS A BUNCH OF OTHERS ...

THERE'S A TRACE OF HIS SCENT.

HE'S GOT A COMPANION ...

SASUKE IS NOT TRAVELING ALONE.

HUH?

JUST AS I SUSPECTED...!

ONE OF THE OTHER SCENTS IS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE I DETECTED IN THE CITY.

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BUT, TWO OUT OF THE REMAINING SIX SCENTS BELONG TO AKATSUKI MEMBERS...

SASUKE'S PROBABLY FORMED HIS OWN CELL AND IS NOW ON THE MOVE.

THEN, THAT TIME...

IMPOSSIBLE.

OK...SO, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S FOLLOW SASUKE'S SCENT!

HOW COME?!

HUH?!

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IN THIS CASE, EITHER SASUKE WAS TOTALLY BLASTED TO BITS BY THE EXPLOSION...

...OR HE ESCAPED USING TELEPORTATION NINJUTSU.

WHAT?! HOW?!

HIS TRAIL GOES COLD HERE.

MY NOSE IS SHARPER THAN A DOG'S.

AND I'VE FOUND HIM...

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I BELIEVE ITS THE LATTER.

THEN, WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR?! LEAD ON, KIBA!

TRULY IMPRESSIVE, KIBA. YOU'RE LIVING UP TO THE INUZUKA NAME.

A NOSE SHARPER THAN A NINJA HOUND'S ...?

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UZUMAKI NARUTO... HE IS NO LONGER JUST SOME TROUBLESOME BRAT...

SPARE YOUR WORDS OF WARNING AND FEAR. THEY ARE WASTED ON US.

CAPTURING HIM WILL NOT BE EASY...

HE'S ADQUIRED SOME FORMIDABLE JUTSU AND SURROUNDED HIMSELF WITH MANY POWERFUL ALLIES.

HE EVEN DESTROYED TWO OF KAKUZU'S LIVES WITH A SINGLE BLOW.

TRUE ENOUGH...

HO HO...

PAIN HAS NEVER LOST A BATTLE.

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YOU KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE...

PUSH THE OTHERS TO HASTEN THE CAPTURES OF THE REMAINING JUNCHŪRIKI

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I KNOW.

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SOON, VERY SOON...

...ALL OUR GOALS SHALL BE ACHIEVED...

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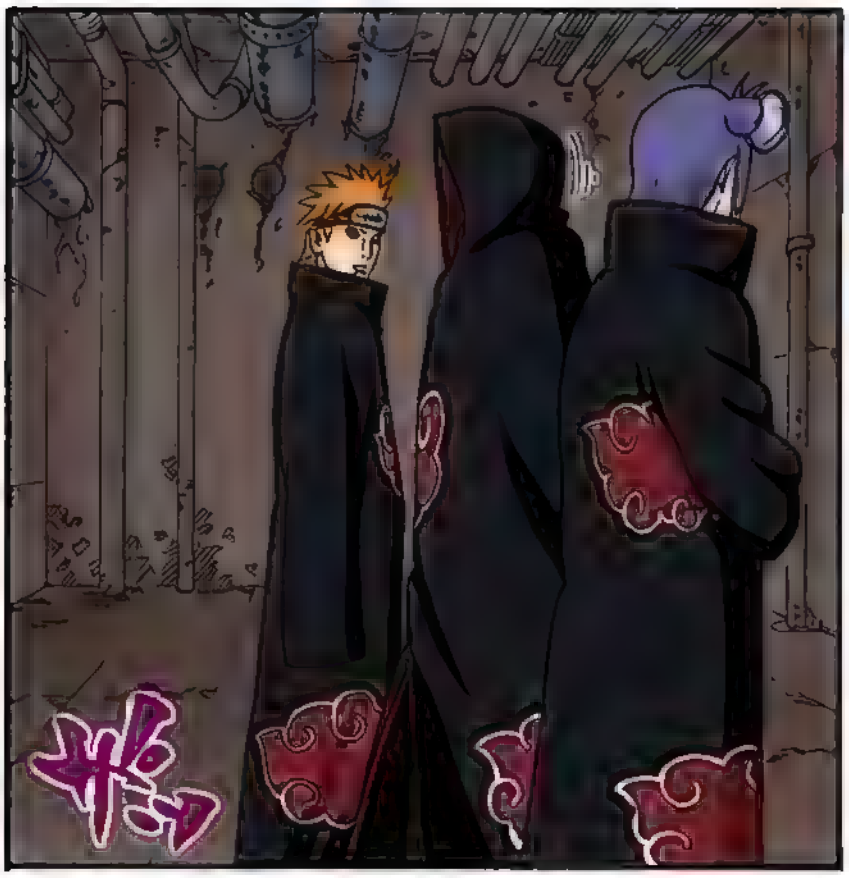

WHEN THAT HAPPENS, EVERYTHING SHALL BE RESTORED TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE...

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...MY POWER... UCHIHA MADARA...

...INCLUDING THE TRUE POWER OF THE SHARINGAN...

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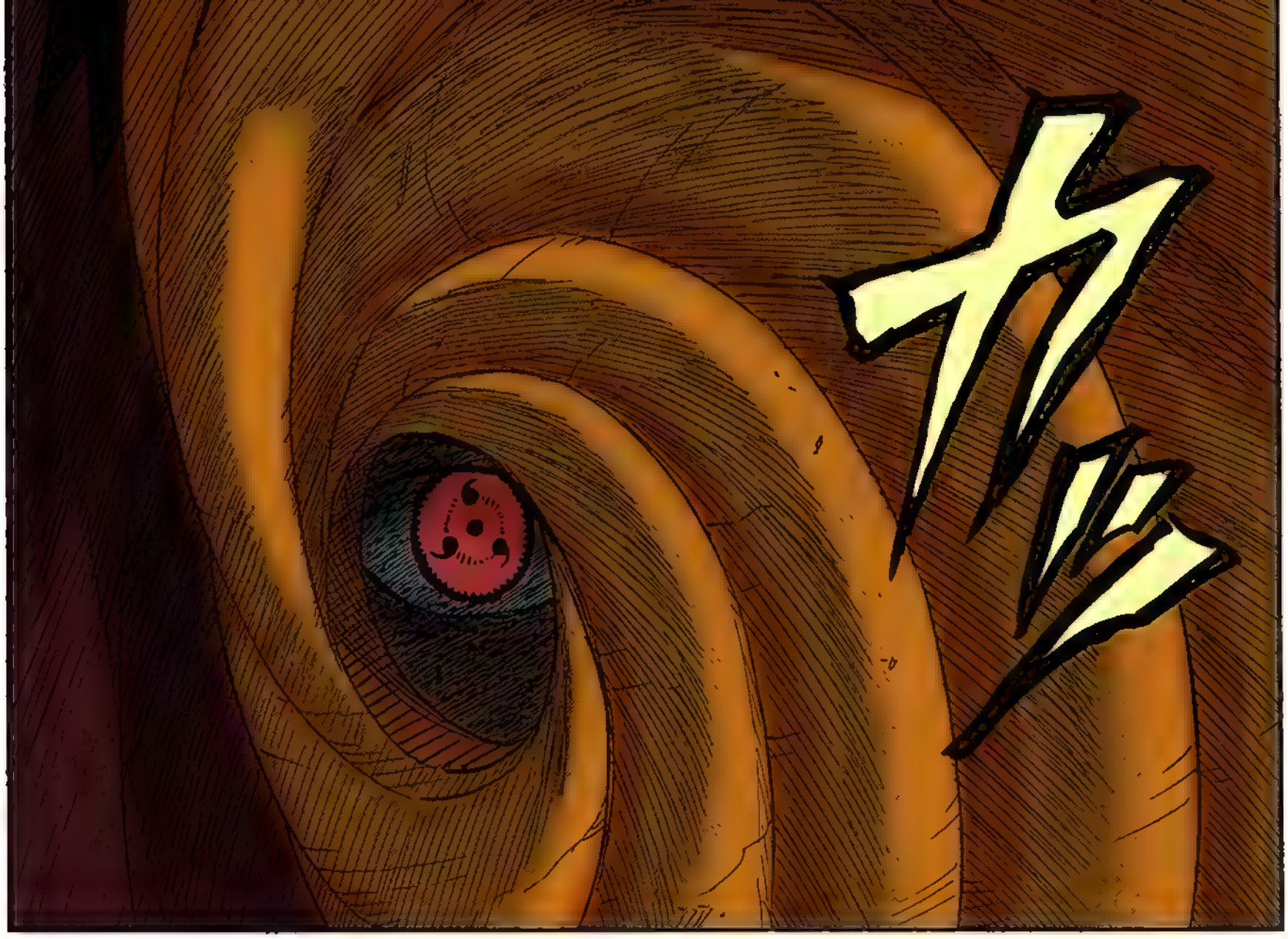

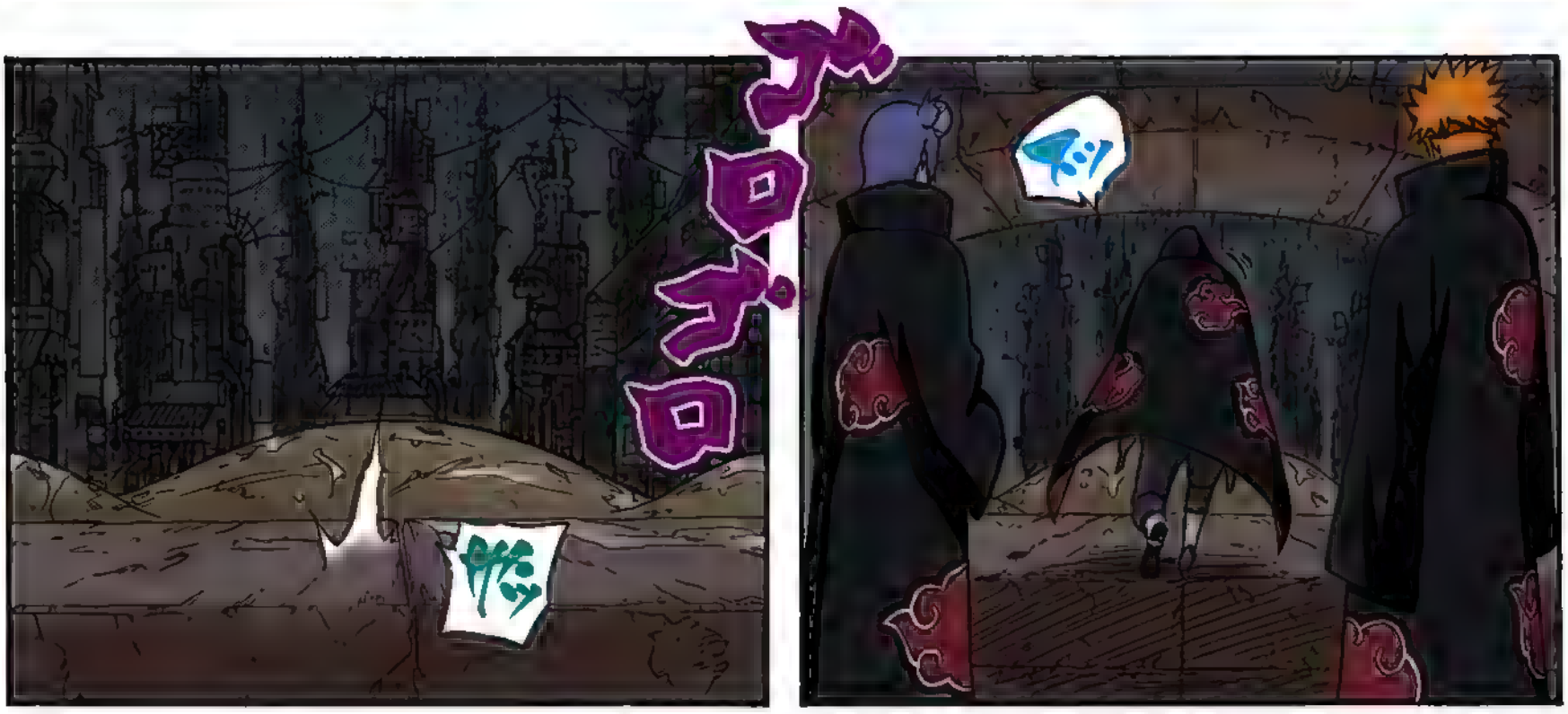

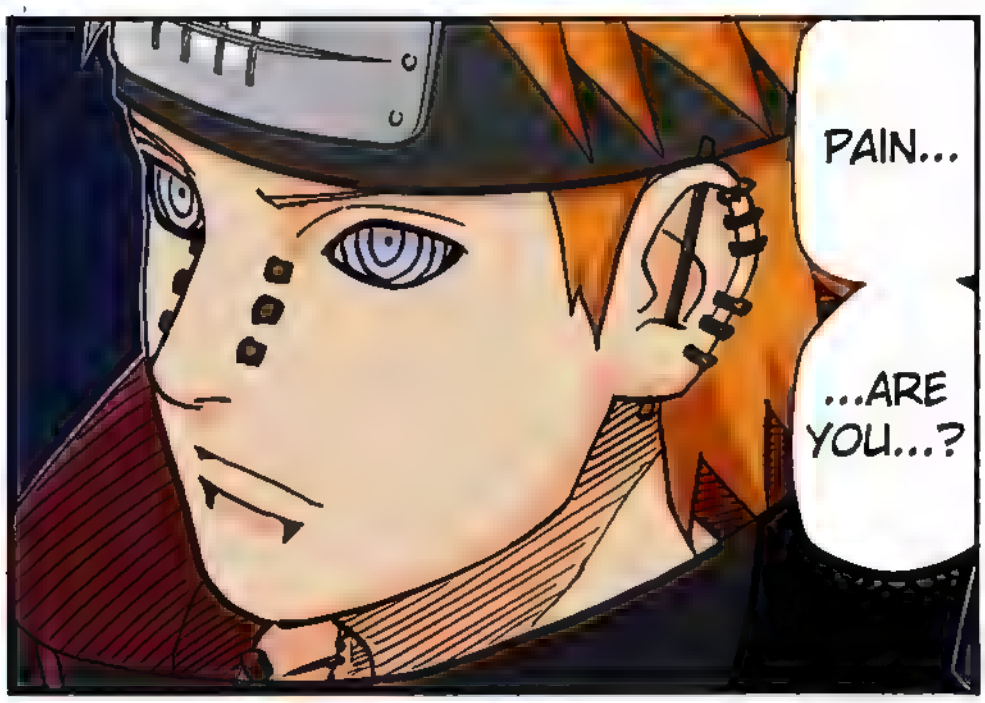

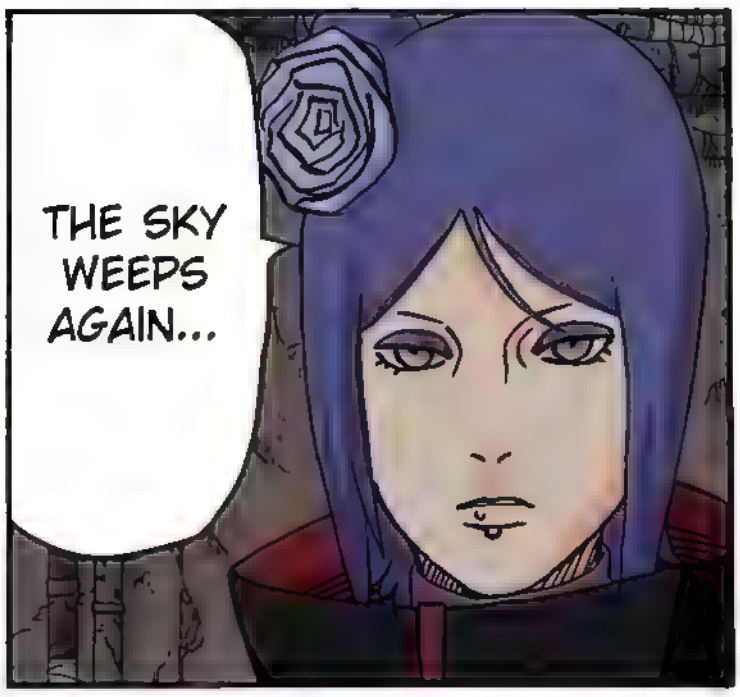

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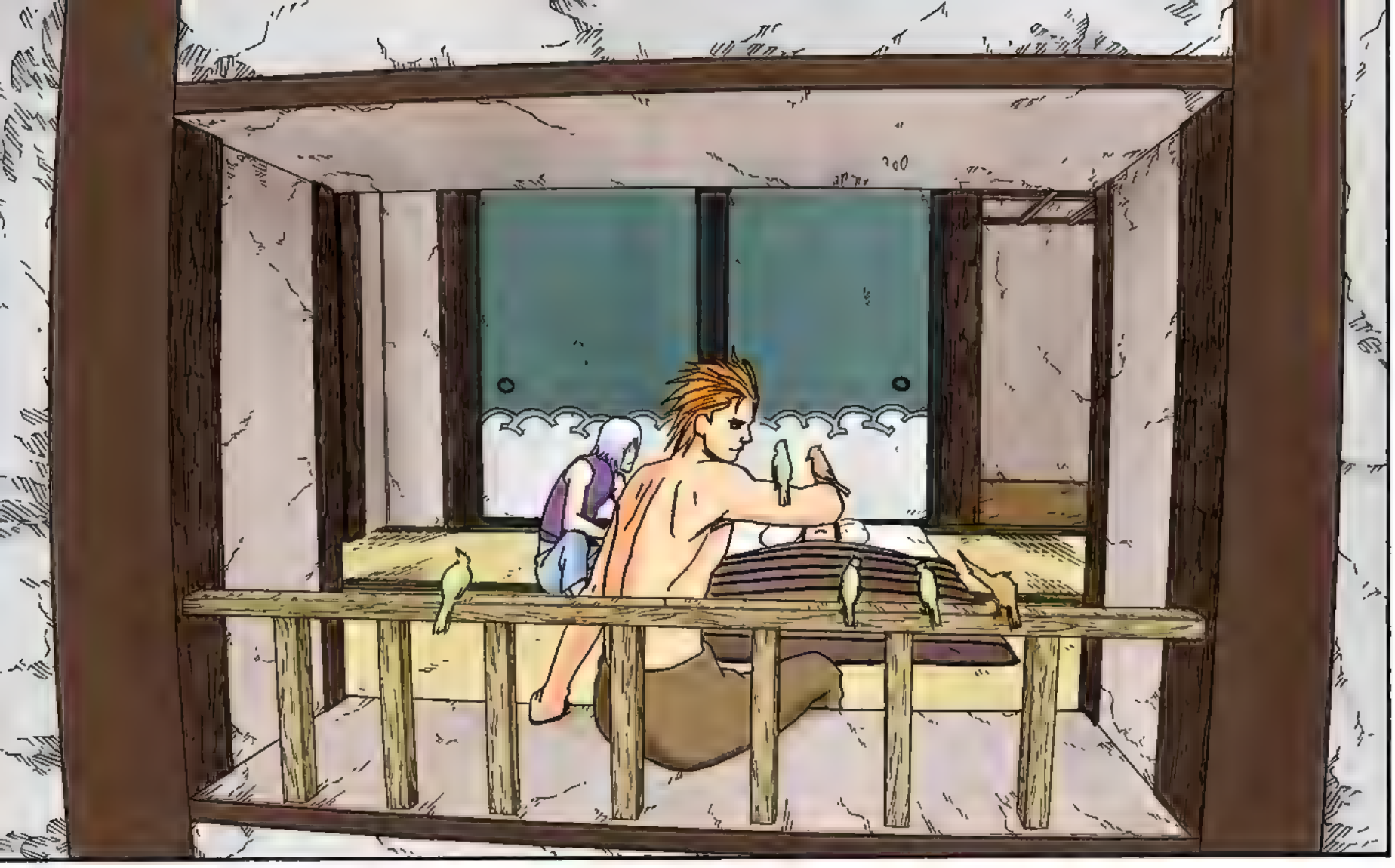

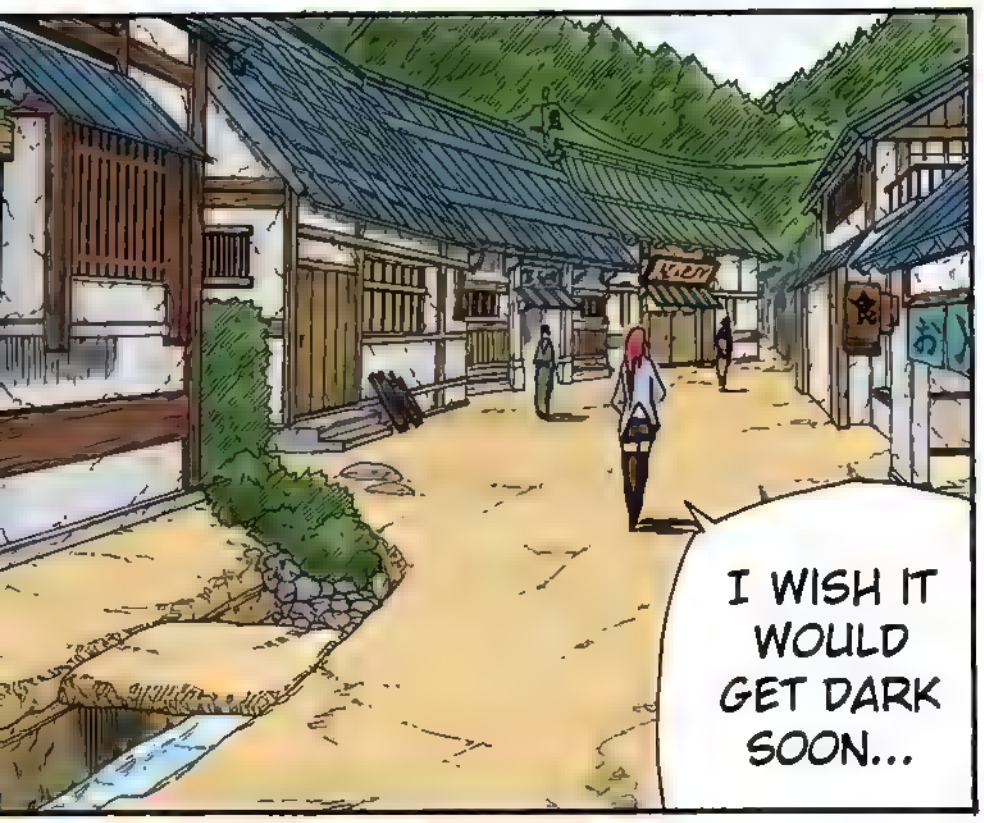

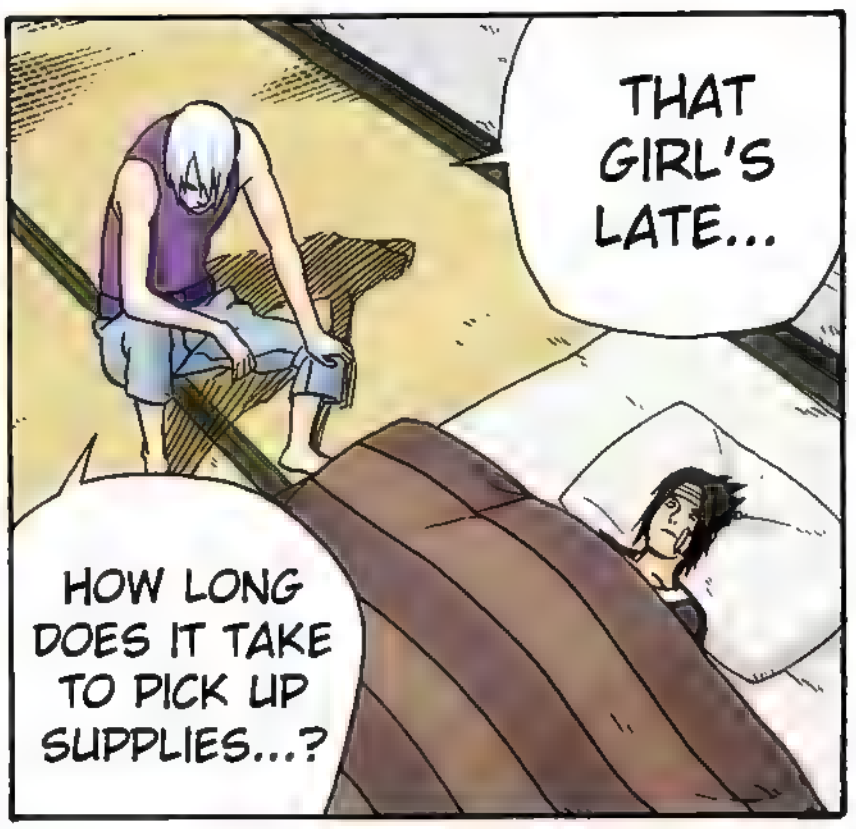

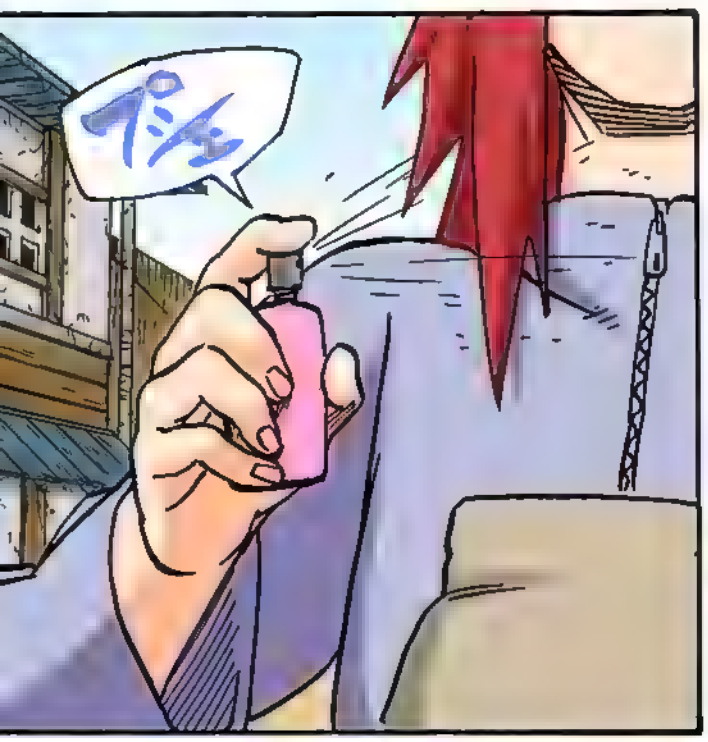

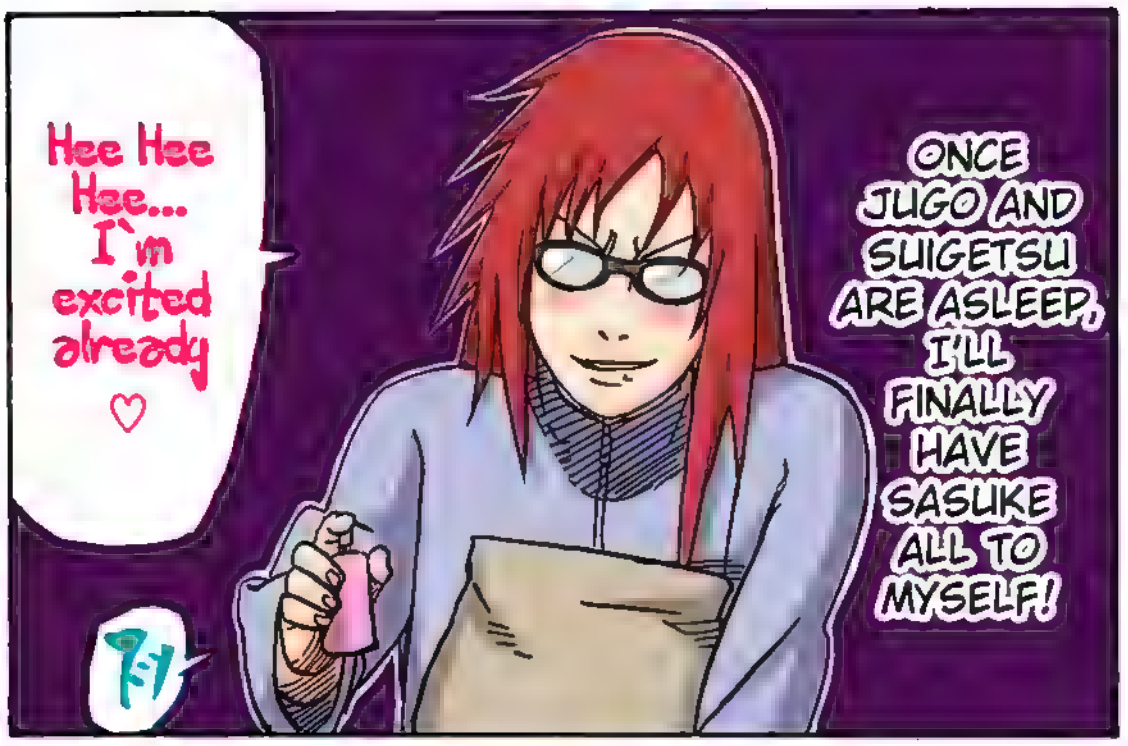

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...WHAT...

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Well, Kiba?!

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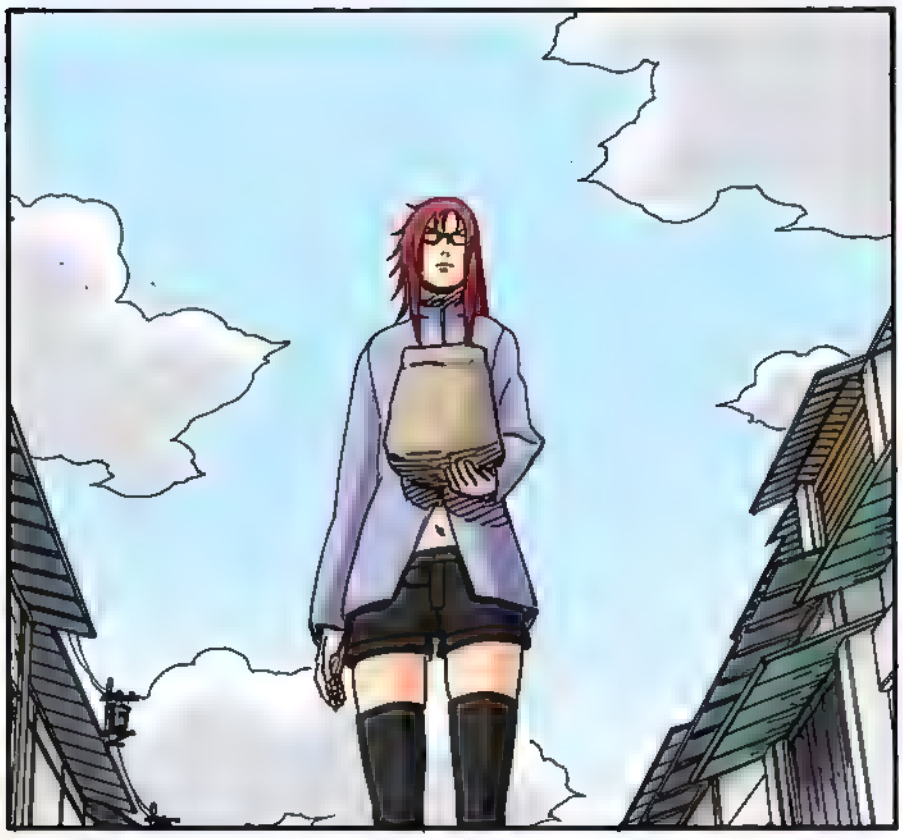
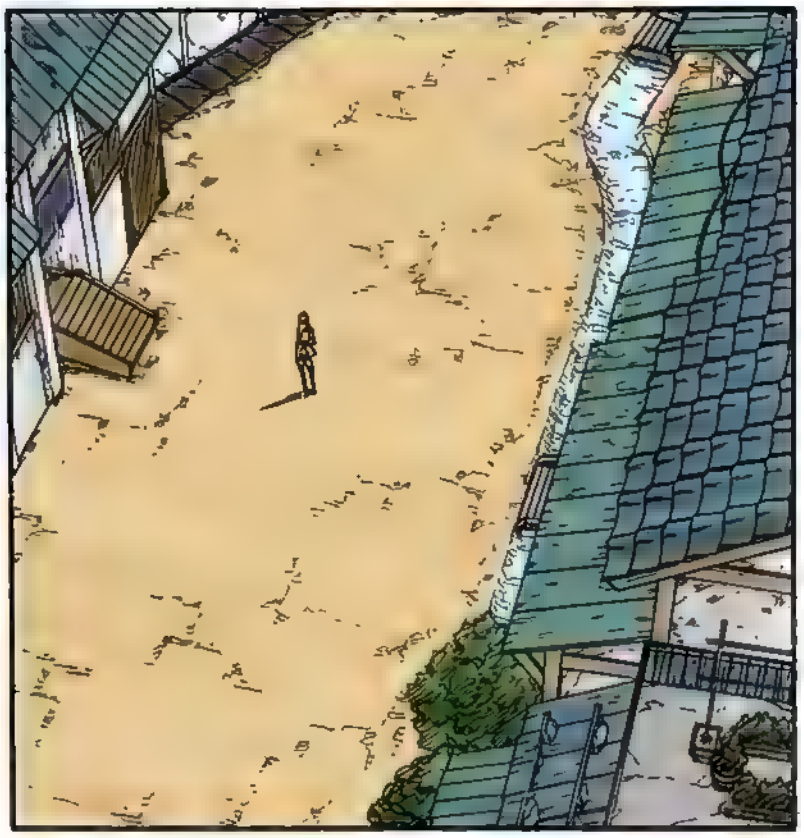
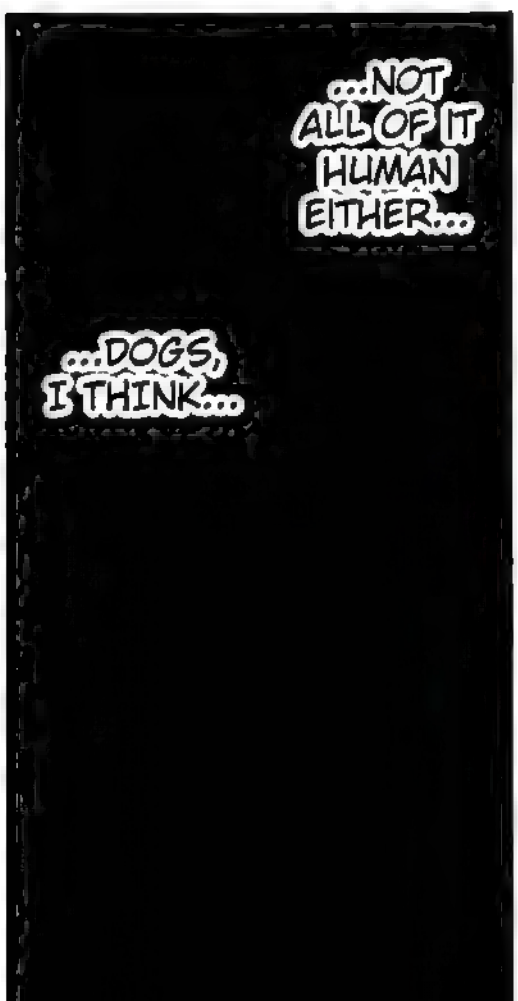
SO, SHUT UP AND STOP DISTRACTING ME, NARUTO!
SASUKE'S SCENT IS FAINT AND FADING! I NEED TO FOCUS!






...NOT ALL OF IT HUMAN EITHER...
...DOGS, I THINK...

THERE MUST BE A LOT OF THEM... I SENSE A GREAT AMOUNT OF CHAKRA...

YUP... THEY'RE COMING... AND FAST...

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...SO, THEY'RE TRACKING US BY SCENT, HUH...

EITHER AKATSUKI... OR KONOHA...

DO ME A FAVOR AND TRY TO CONTROL YOURSELF.

YEAH, NO PROBLEM.

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JUGO! I'M GONNA GO CHECK ON KARIN.

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WHAT?!

WAKE UP, SASUKE !!

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WE'RE GOING TO HAVE COMPANY ...

...SO WHAT NOW?

JUGO ...

...MARK THE MAP WITH THE LOCATION OF EVERY AKATSUKI HIDEOUT YOU LEARNED ABOUT.

EVERYONE, GET READY. WE'RE LEAVING.

YOU SURE YOU'RE ALRIGHT, SASUKE?

YEAH...

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I'VE BEEN HEALING A LOT FASTER SINCE I ABSORBED OROCHIMARU'S POWER.

WHETHER IT'S AKATSUKI OR KONOHA...

...THEY MAY HAVE INTEL ON ITACHI. MIGHT BE WISE TO LIE LOW AND THEN AMBUSH THEM. WHAT DO YOU THINK, SASUKE?

SO, THIS IS THE POWER OF THE WHITE SNAKE, HUH...

AMBUSH-ING THEM IS A WASTE OF TIME.

THE AKATSUKI ONLY OPERATE IN TWO-MAN CELLS.

IF THEY'RE COMING IN FORCE...

...THEN IT'S MOST LIKELY KONOHA.

ONE WE LOCATE HIM, WORST COMES TO WORST, YOU THREE TAKE CARE OF KONOHA.

ITACHI IS OUR ONLY PRIORITY.

SO, WHAT'S THE PLAN?

LEAVE KONOHA BE.

RIGHT.

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FINE...

BUT FIRST, TEAM HEBI, WE USE JUGO'S INTEL...

...AND HIT THOSE AKATSUKI HIDEOUTS ONE BY ONE.

LET'S GO.

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HOW MANY OF THOSE BIRDS CAN YOU ASSEMBLE AT ONCE?

WHAT IS IT?

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DO ME A FAVOR.

WELL, I'VE GOT THESE CLOTHES THAT SASUKE WORE...

...ALL DRENCHED IN HIS SWEAT... AND I WAS THINKING I COULD——

WHY...?

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DON'T KNOW WHY I BOTHERED COMING TO YOU ALL PEOPLE! IMBECILE!!

YOU KNOW WHAT!? FORGET IT! FORGET I EVEN ASKED!

WAIT... WHY DO YOU HAVE SASUKE'S SWEATY OLD CLOTHES ??

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SENSORY TYPE SHINOBI HAVE DIFFERENT SPECIALITIES DEPENDING ON THEIR VILLAGE OF ORIGIN.

KONOHA TENDS TO USE NINJA HOUNDS FOR TRACKING.

A-ANY-WAY...

I'LL JUST USE THAT FOR OUR ADVANTAGE...

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SASUKE'S ON THE MOVE!!

SHIT!

WHAT'S WRONG, KIBA!?

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WAIT!

THAT'S WEIRD...

HE'S PROBA-BLY GOING AFTER ITACHI!!

THEN WE BETTER HURRY!

IT'S ALL OVER THE PLACE NOW! GOING IN ALL DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AT ONCE!?

SASUKE'S SCENT IS SCATTERING!

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I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY...

...BUT I'D GUESS THEY HAVE A PRETTY ADEPT SENSORY TYPE SHINOBI WITH THEM.

SENSED US!? HOW!?

THEY MUST HAVE SENSED OUR APPROACH AND ARE NOW TRYING TO FOOL US INTO SPLITTING UP.

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I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TRACK HIM...

...BUT, I DON'T KNOW WHICH SCENT TO FOLLOW!

OUR COMMS AREN'T LONG RANGE! IF WE SPLIT UP, THEY'LL BE USELESS!

FOLLOW ALL THE SCENTS!!

THEN, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!

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ART OF THE MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS!!

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JUST BEYOND HERE, HUH...

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I`M GOING TO GO TAKE A LOOK.

YOU ALL WAIT HERE UNTIL I GIVE THE ORDER.

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SASUKE!!

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...UZUMAKI NARUTO.
COME ON OUT...
UCHIHA... ITACHI!
NO! THAT`S...!
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LEMME GUESS... YOU'RE HERE TO CAPTURE ME, RIGHT?

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I JUST WANT TO TALK.

NO...

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ARGH!!

WAH!!

YEAH, RIGHT! LIKE I'D EVER TRUST YOU!

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IT'S LIKE FIGHTING TWO PEOPLE AT ONCE!

BUT THIS GUY CAN CAST GENJUTSU ON HIS TARGET WITH THE SAME FINGER HE USES TO MAKE SEALS...

IF TWO ON ONE, GO FOR HIS BACK...

WHEN YOU FACE THE SHARINGAN, IF ONE ON ONE, YOU DEFINITELY RUN...

WHAT-EVER!

BUT... YOU'RE ALONE HERE.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO RUN...

DIDN'T GRANNY CHIYO TEACH YOU ANYTHING ABOUT FIGHTING THE SHARIN-GAN?

IF I CATCH YOU, I'LL GET TO SEE SASUKE AGAIN!!

BESIDES, WHY WOULD I WANT TO RUN?!

I CAN BE ANY NUMBER FROM ONE TO ONE THOUSAND!

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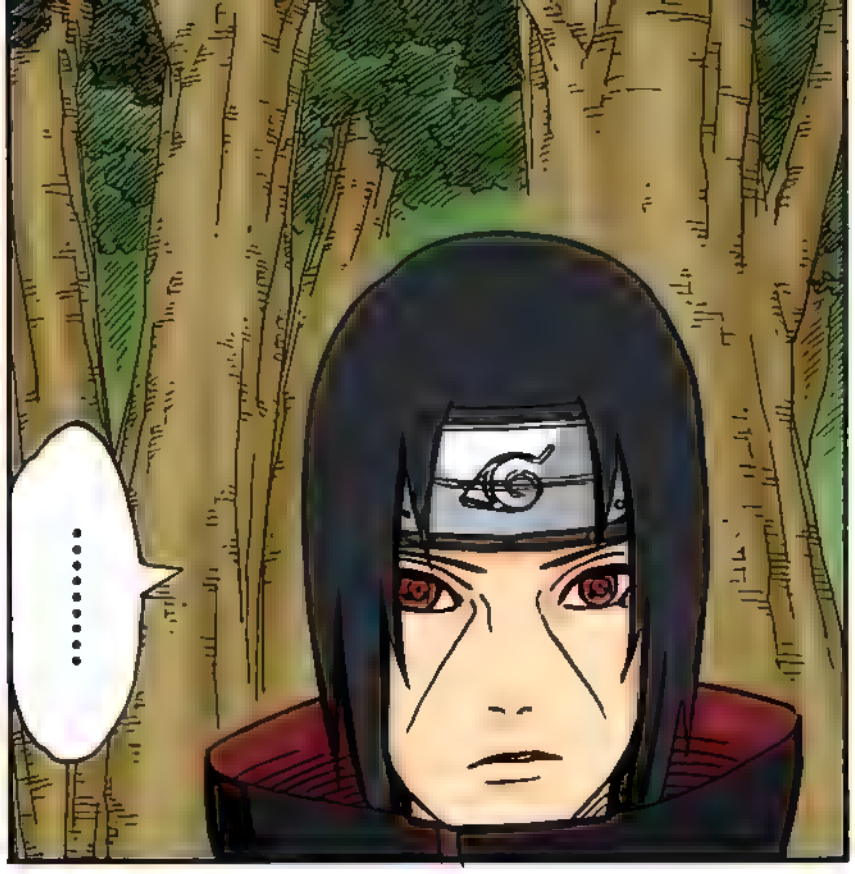
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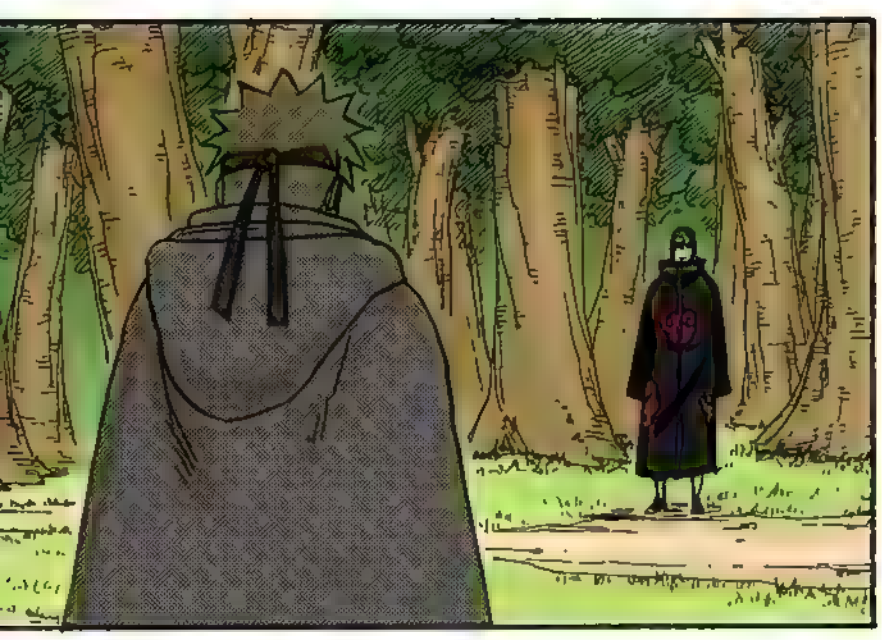

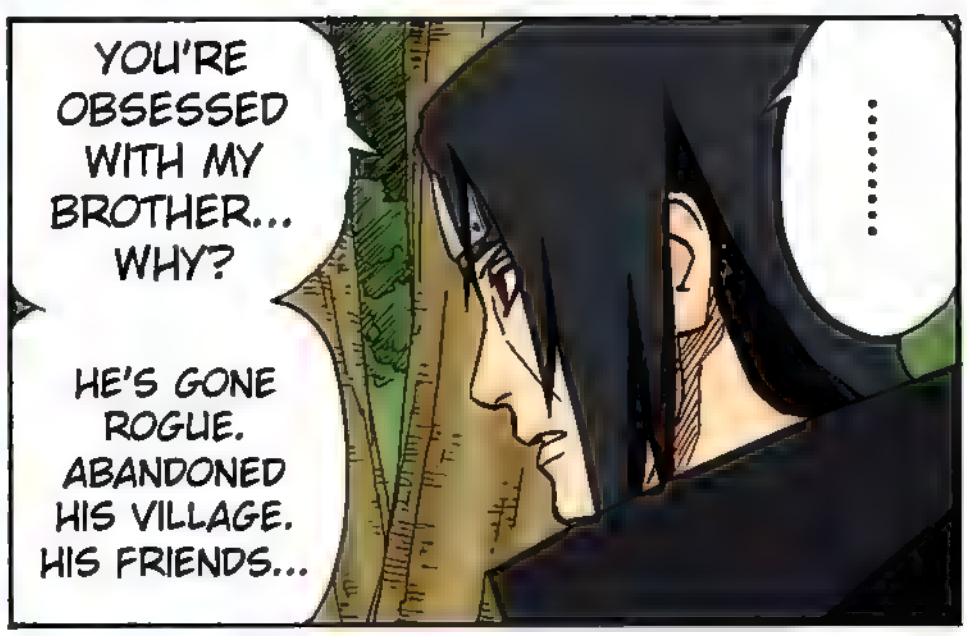
YOU'RE OBSESSED WITH MY BROTHER... WHY?
HE'S GONE ROGUE. ABANDONED HIS VILLAGE. HIS FRIENDS...
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...BUT HE'S MORE OF A BROTHER TO ME THAN YOU ARE TO HIM!!!
WE MAY NOT BE BLOOD...

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YOU ARE ALREADY WITHIN MY GENJUTSU.

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...I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.

I JUST WANT TO TALK.

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WHAT NEWS, JIRAIYA ...?

I'M LETING MYSELF IN, TSUNADE.

What!?

Are you sure!?

I'VE PINPOINTED THE AKATSUKI LEADER'S LOCATION!

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LADY TSUNADE! WE MUST USE THIS INFORMATION FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK!

Tell me!

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ESPECIALLY WITH THE STAKES AS HIGH AS THEY ARE...

BUT IT'S DANGEROUS TO RUSH PELL-MELL INTO THINGS.

What ...?!

WE'RE NOT PLOTTINGA SEQUEL TO ONE OF YOUR NOVELS! WE HAVEN'T THE TIME TO WASTE!

HOLD ON, LADIES. TAKE IT EASY.

LET'S GRAB A DRINK, YOU AND ME, JUST THE TWO OF US. IT'S BEEN TOO LONG.

I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING THERE.

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FOOL! I AM THE HOKAGE!

I CAN'T JUST GO OUT DRINKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY! HAVE YOU NO RESPECT FOR YOUR FELLOW SHINOBI???

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YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CERTAINTHE AKATSUKI LEADER IS IN THE HIDDEN RAIN VILLAGE?

SO...

UH...YOU REALLY OUGHT TO TAKE YOUR OWN WORDS A BIT MORE TO HEART...

YOU are HOKAGE, AFTER ALL

MAINTANING ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, PREVENTS NEWS FROM GETTING OUT TO OTHER NATIONS AND ALLOWS THEM TO COVER UP THE SHAME OF WHAT'S GOING ON.

...BUT, IT'S THAT VERY INSULAR NATURE THAT MAKES IT THE IDEAL HIDEOUT.

DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A PLACE THE AKATSUKI COULD MOVE AROUND IN EASILY.

IT'S A CLOSED, INSULAR VILLAGE THAT GIVES US PROBLEMS EVERY YEAR FOR THE JOINT CHUNIN EXAM PREPARATIONS.

BUT THAT PLACE HAS EXTREMELY STRICT ENTRY AND DEPARTURE INSPECTIONS, NOT TO MENTION VISITATION SUPERVISION...

RUMOR HAS IT THE AKATSUKI LEADER CONTROLS ONE OF THE WARRING FACTIONS.

APPARENTLY, A CIVIL WAR HAS BEEN RAGING THERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME AND HAS DIVIDED THE VILLAGE IN TWO.

Shame ...?

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...AND CONFIRM WHETHER THAT INTEL IS REAL OR NOT.

THAT'S WHY I'VE GOT TO GO IN ALONE, FIRST...

WE CAN TALK STRATEGY AFTER THAT...

WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT LACKING STABILITY, THEY KEEP GETTING FLOODED WITH REFUGEES.

...THAT LAND, SURROUNDED BY THE THREE GREAT NATIONS OF EARTH, FIRE, AND WIND, HAS LONG AND OFTEN BEEN USED AS A BATTLEFIELD BY AND BETWEEN THOSE PRINCIPAL TERRITORIES.

I AM STILL ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI OF KONOHA.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THAT MEANS?

ALONE?! NO! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS...!

I JUST FEEL BAD... THAT YOU KEEP GETTING STUCK WITH SUCH... UNFORTUNATE ASSIGN-MENTS.

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THAT'S WHAT THE THIRD ALWAYS HOPED...

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THE FIFTH HOKAGE, NOT ME.

WHY SO RUEFUL ALL OF SUDDEN ?!

HA HA HA HA HA!

I'M NOT CUT OUT FORIT. I LIKEMY FREEDOM TOO MUCH...

...SO YOU SECRETLY KEPT TRACK OF HIS ACTIVI-TIES... DIDN'T YOU?

YOU COULDN'T BEAR THE FACT THAT YOU COULDN'T STOP OROCHIMARU ...

I NEVER IMAGINED HE WOULD DIE...

FACT IS STRANGER THAN FICTION, EH...

NOW I CAN FOCUS ON MY NOVELS...

NO NEED FOR THAT ANY-MORE.

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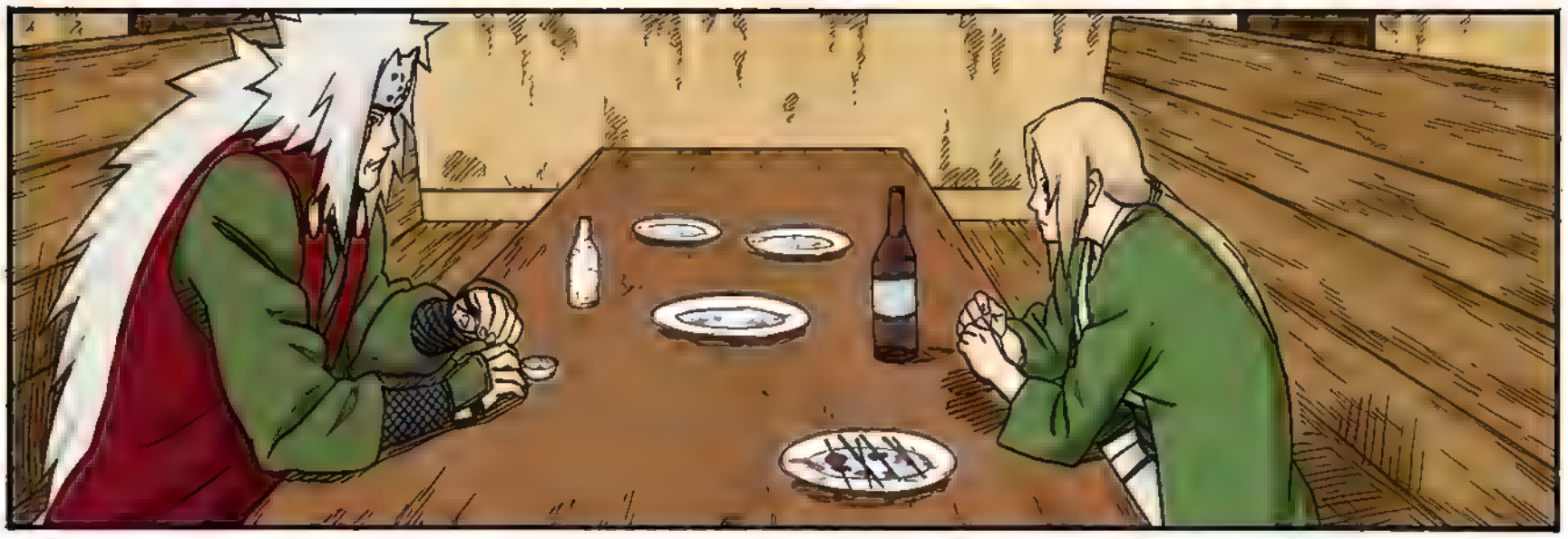

HARD TO BELIEVE HOW ALL OUR EXPERIENCES... ALL THE PEOPLE WE'VELOST... HAVE SHAPED WHO WE ARE NOW...

...AND HOW THEY'LL CONTINUE TO SHAPE US.

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING.

BUT LOOK AT YOU NOW...A 50-SOME-THING GRANY... THE HOKAGE ...

BACK WHEN YOU HAD THE BODY OF A 12-YEAR-OLD BOY... HA!

REMEMBER HOW THE THREE OF US USED TO GANG UP ON OLD MAN THIRD ...

WISDOM... IT'S THE ONE THING THAT MAKES GROWING OLD *WORTH* IT...

FOR THAT CAUSE, I'LL GLADLY RISK MY LIFE.

OUR JOB IS TO SET EXAMPLES FOR AND AID THE NEXT GENERATION.

JUST GONNA HAVE TO KEEP OUR EMOTIONS IN CHECK, I GUESS.

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WHAT`S GOING ON?

DON'T JUST STAND THERE!

COME ON! LET'S FINISH THIS!

I MUST GO...

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A SHADOW CLONE...!

I HAVE AN IMPOR-TANT MATTER TO ATTEND TO.

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WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

SO. YOU'VE COME AT LAST...

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IT'S ME...
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Itachi and Sasuke

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YOU LOOK TALLER...

HEH ...

...GOING TO JUST GO CRAZY AND CHARGE ME LIKE LAST TIME, ARE YOU?

YOU'RE NOT...

YOUR EYES STILL COLD...

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

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YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ME...

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...YOU. KNOW. NOTHING!

...HOW STRONG IT HAS MADE ME..

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH HATRED FOR YOU I HOLD IN MY HEART...

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YOU'RE AN EVEN WORSE DRUNK THAN ME.

WHY DON'T WE GO SIT SOMEWHERE AND REST.

WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW STRONG THEY ARE...

...AND YET YOU'RE GOING TO INTENTIONALLY LEAP RIGHT INTO THEIR LAIR?!

THE AKATSUKI ...

THEY'VE MANAGED TO ASSEMBLE QUITE A FORMIDABLE CREW.

JIRAIYA, JUST... COME BACK ALIVE...

I SHOULD GET GOING.

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BET YOU WON'T SHED AS MANY TEARS AS YOU DID FOR DAN... WA-HA HA.

HA HA HA!

YOU'D CRY FOR ME? THAT`S NICE TO KNOW.

IF I LOST YOU TOO... I...

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SINCE YOU ALWAYS LOSE.

A BET, THEN...

...YOU GAMBLE EVERYTHING ON ME DYING.

HUSH,- FOOL!

WHA...

BUT IF I MAKE IT BACK ALIVE...

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I'M SO GRATE-FUL TO YOU, YOU KNOW.

GWA HA HA, JUST KIDDING, JUST KIDDING!

SO, A MAN ONLY JOB IS TO BE STRONG?

IF YOU CAN`T LAUGH ABOUT IT... OR AT LEAST USE IT AS WRITTING MATERIAL ...

..YOU'RE NOT A REAL MAN.

REJECTION MAKES MEN STRONGER.

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BASICALLY. THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS ISN'T FOR US...

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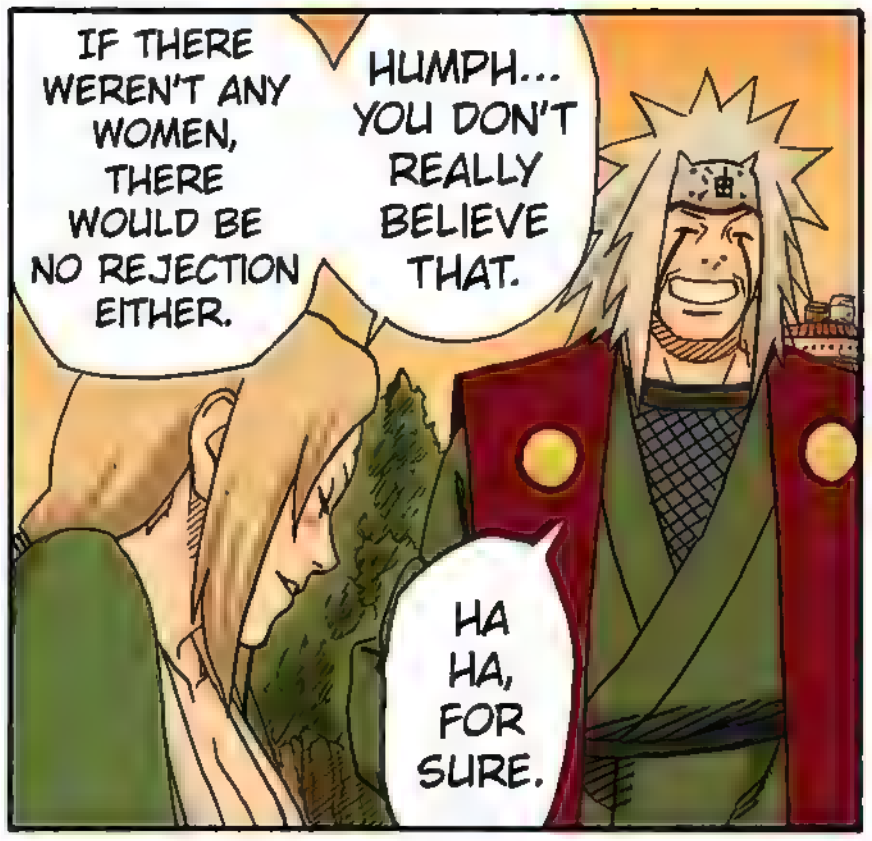
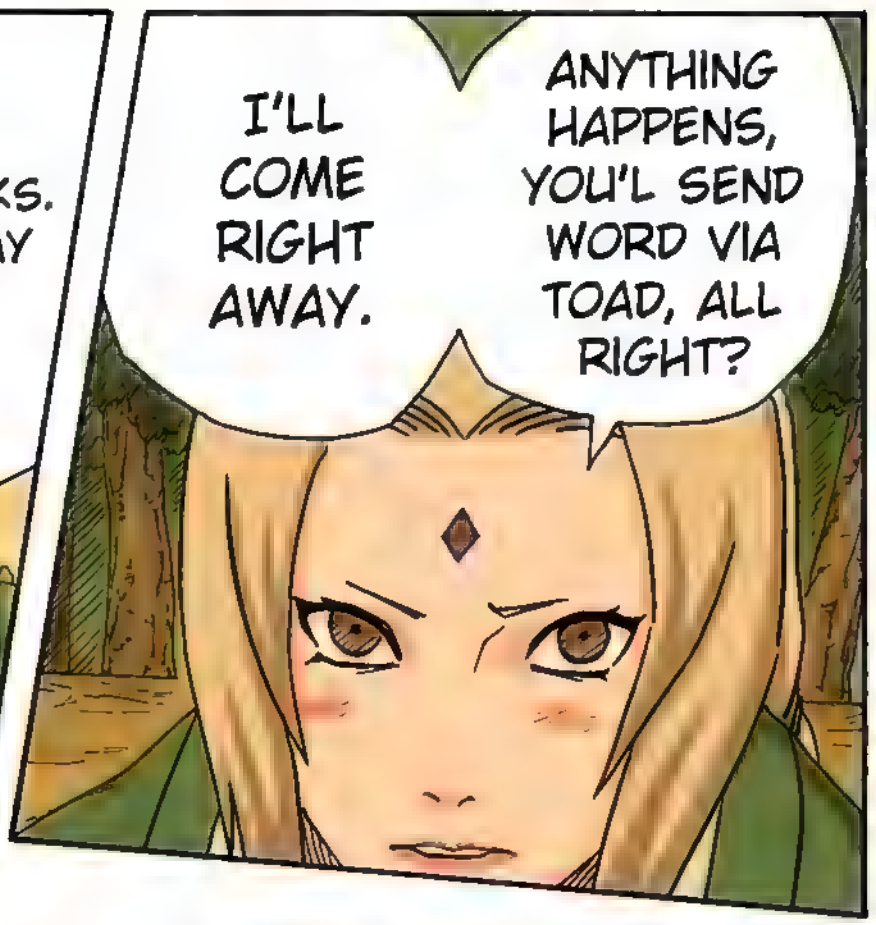
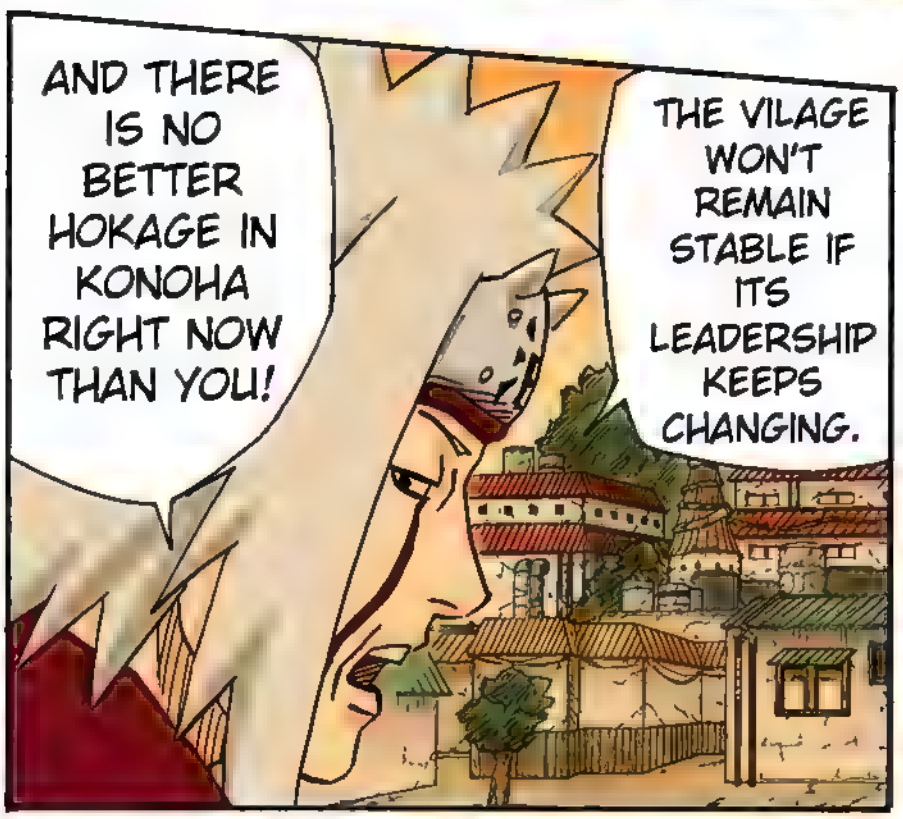
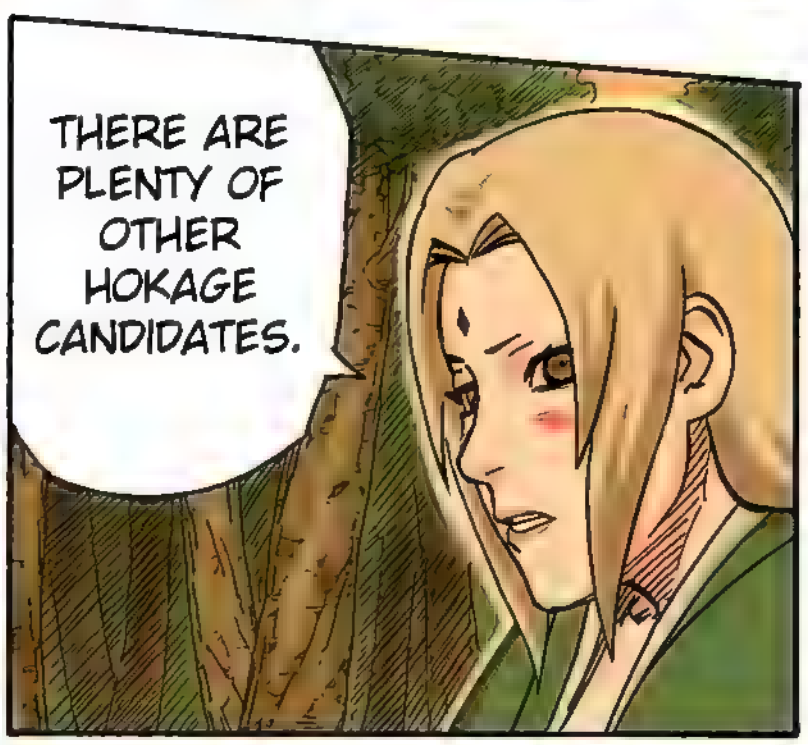





AND THERE IS NO BETTER HOKAGE IN KONOHA RIGHT NOW THAN YOU!
THE VILAGE WON'T REMAIN STABLE IF ITS LEADERSHIP KEEPS CHANGING.



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AND DESPITE THE FACT YOU SAW FIT TO GIVE HIM YOUR NECKLACE...

...NARUTO HAS EVEN *FURTHER*...

KAKASHI STILL HAS A WAYS TO GO.

THERE'S KAKASHI...

...AND EVENTUALLY, NARUTO.

...OF THE TIME I TAUGHT MINATO.

YEAH, WELL... IT BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES ...

YOU`RE ONE TO TALK, PUTTING SO MUCH OF YOUR ENERGY INTO TRAINING HIM...

...EVEN TEACHING HIM THE RASENGAN.

THEY REALLY ARE PRETTY SIMILAR...

... NAMIZAKE MINATO, HUH...

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HE BECAME THE FOURTH HOKAGE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE ...

HE WAS KIND AND GENTLE, YET FIERCE AND FULL OF GRIT.

OH NO, MINATO WAS A RARE GENIUS.

YOU DON'T SEE THE LIKES OF HIM VERY OFTEN.

HA HA... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

..I THINK NARUTO'S VERY DIFFERENT IN SOME WAYS TOO.

NEVER BEEN A PARENT MYSELF, SO I MAY BE COMPLETELY OF-BASE...

...BUT IF HE'D BEEN MY OWN KID, I'D BE SUPER PROUD OF HIM...

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THAT FEMALE SHINOBI FROM THE LAND OF EDDIES...?

HE'S MORE LIKE HIS MOTHER...

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...HE DEFINITELY GOT FROM UZUMAKI KUSHINA.

YEAH... HIS PER-SONALITY AND NINJUTSU STYLE...

KUSHINA GREW INTO SUCH A BEAUTY...

...BUT NARUTO'S LOOKS ARE MORE HIS FATHER'S.

SHE WAS A CHATY, RED-HEADED MINX..

...QUITE THE TOMBOY ...!

AH, RIGHT, THAT'S THE NAME!

IF YOU ASK ME..

...I FEEL LIKE I'M WATCHING MY GRANDCHILD ...

THAT'S WHY I KEEP SEEING MINATO WHEN I LOOK AT HIM.

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OH, THAT'S RIGHT! I HAD ONE LAST WARNING FOR YOU...

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NOW... I REALY OUGHT TO GET GOING.

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YES... I KNOW.

...BEWARE THE FOUNDA-TION.

GOOD. GLAD YOU DO!

WELL, THEN...

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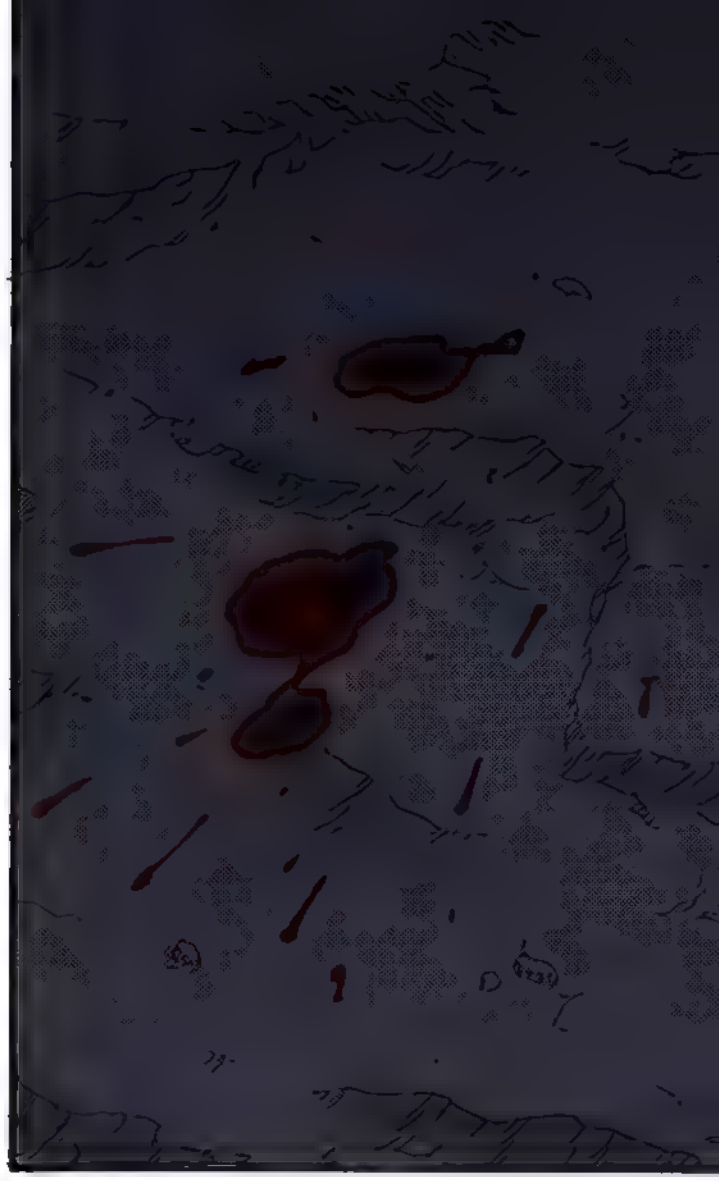

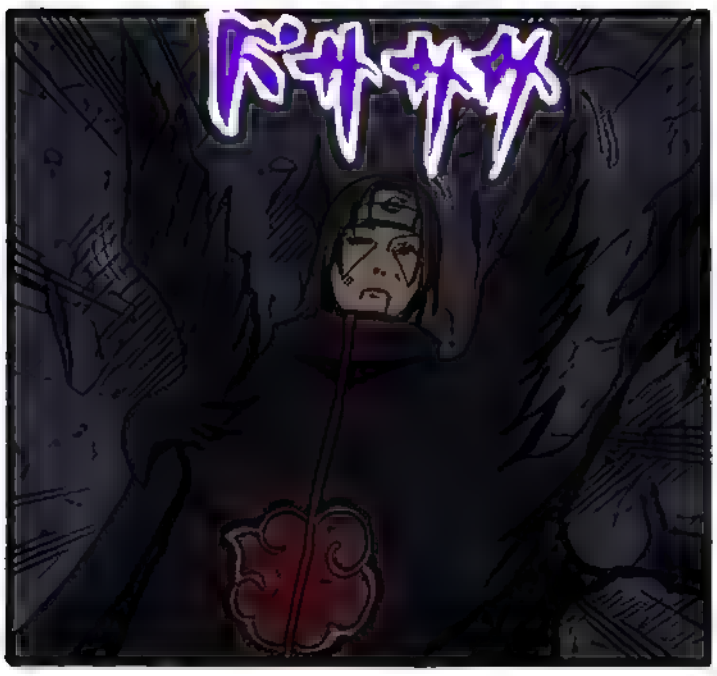

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WE'LL SETTLE THIS THERE.

MEET ME AT THE UCHIHA HIDEOUT. ALONE.

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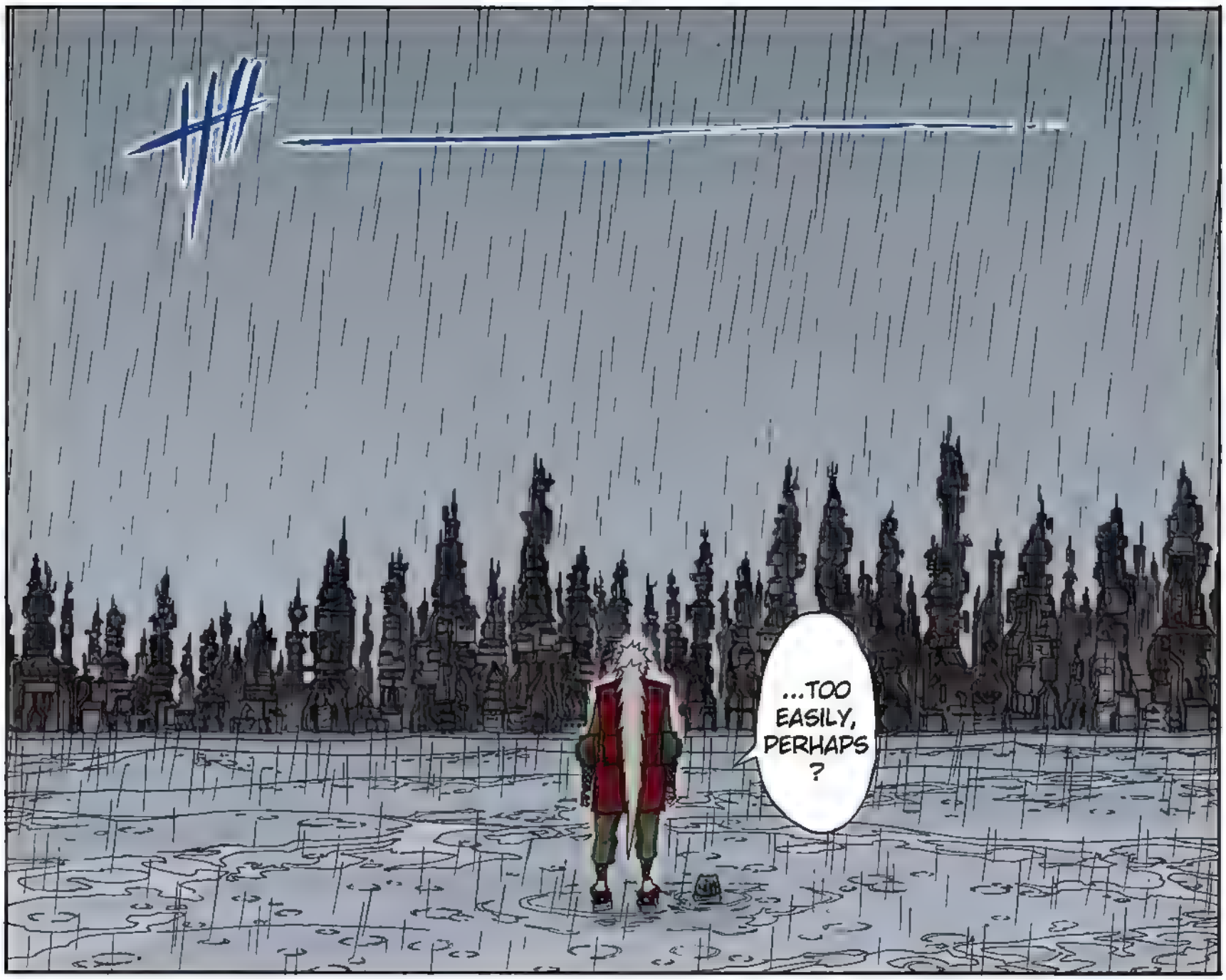

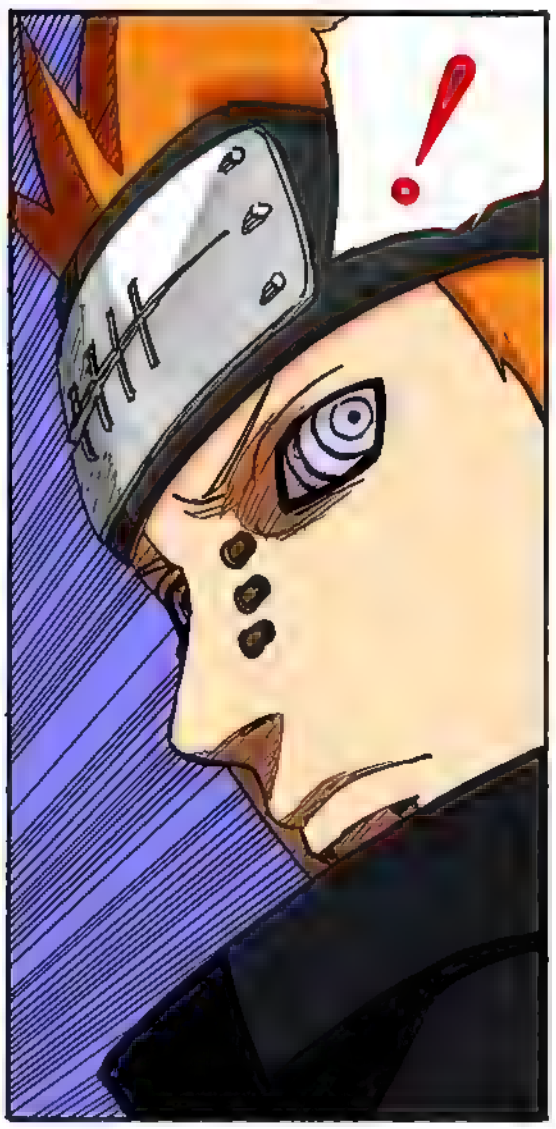

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FEATHERS ...?

WE GOT WORRIED.

KARIN SAID SHE SENSED ANOTHER CHAKRA HERE.

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU ALL NOT TO MOVE UNTIL I GAVE THE ORDER.

WE'RE LEAV-ING...

FOLLOW ME.

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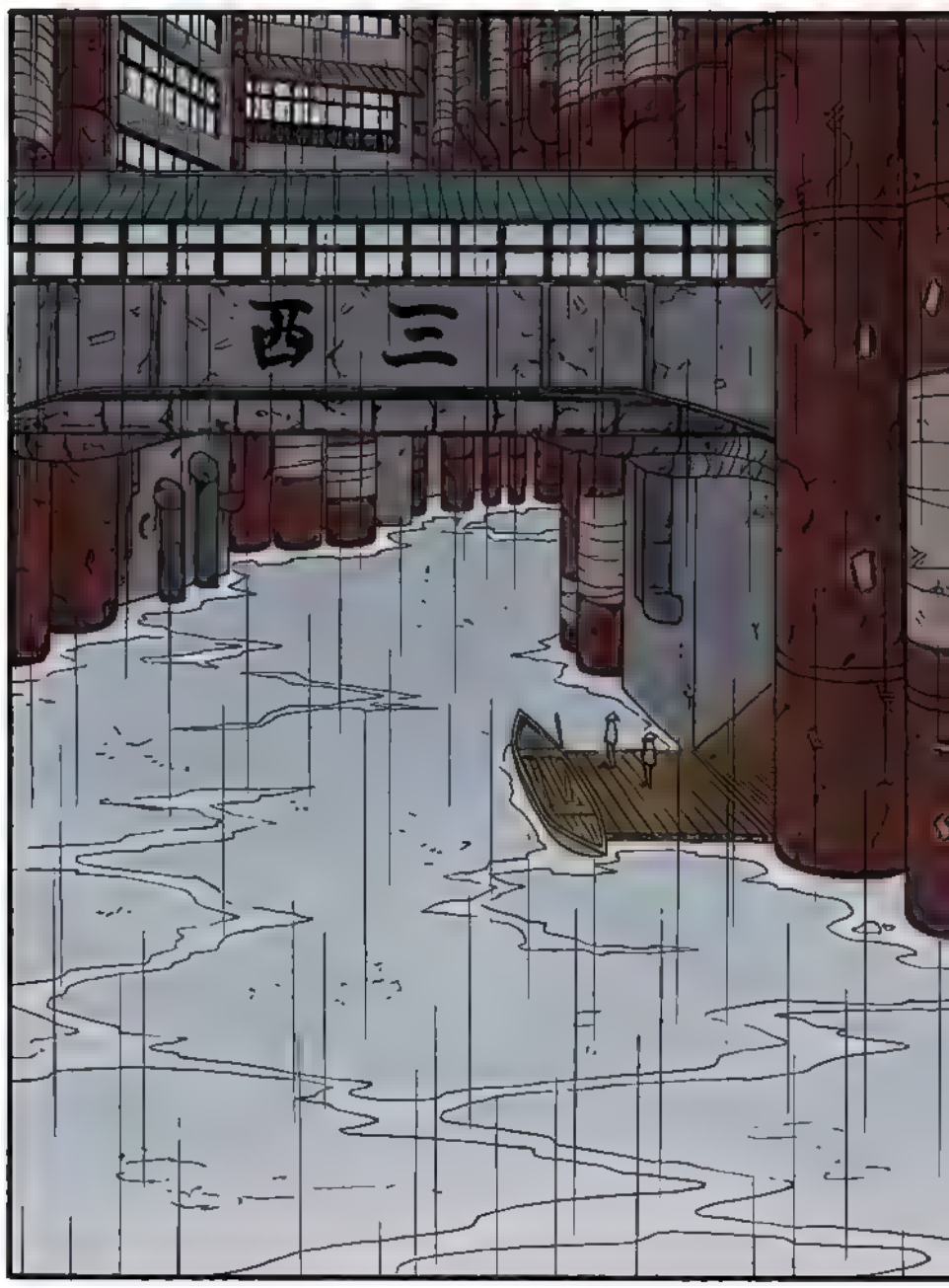

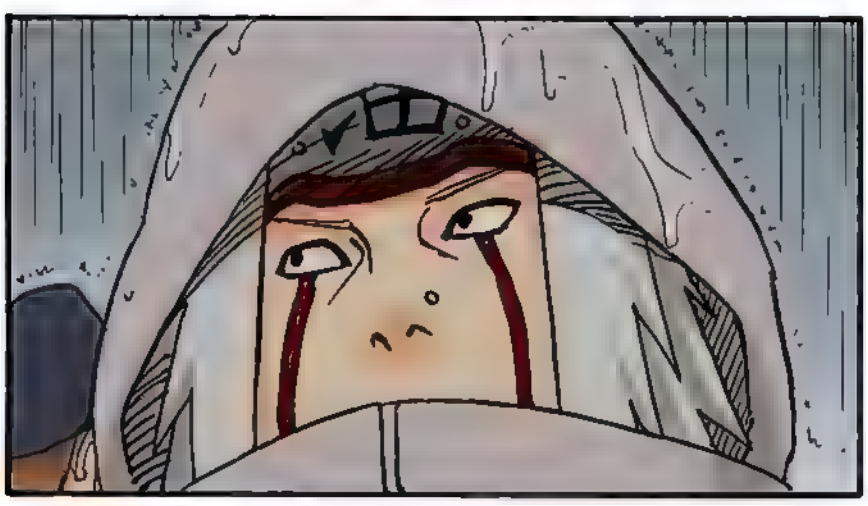

KONAN... WHEN I STOP THE RAIN, FERRET OUT THE INTRUDER WITH YOUR JUTSU.

OF COURSE.

ON IT.

LET'S DO THIS.

WE'VE GOTTA HEAD UP HIGHER.

IN THIS PIT? THERE ARE NO GOOD BARS DOWN HERE.

THEN LET'S GET OUT OF IT AND GRAB A DRINK.

THIS RAIN IS RIDICU-LOUS.

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(GRAND OPENING, CLUB TOAD)

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...AND AT LEAST STOP GETTING RAINED ON...

OK, SO LET'S GO FIND SOME COVER...

KLAK

WELCOME!

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WE'RE IN LUCK.

(FROG)

TODAY'S NOT SUNDAY, RIGHT?

GIVE US SAKE AND SOME SNACKS.

JUST TWO.

BUT FOR IT TO RAIN ON A SUNDAY?

THAT'S UNUSUAL...

MAYBE HE'S OFF IN SOME OTHER NATION...?

THUNK

SOMETHING MUST BE GOING ON WITH LORD PAIN.

HEY...!

LORD PAIN GIVES SO MUCH OF HIMSELF FOR ALL OF US IN THIS CITY.

SO QUIT WHINING!

MAYBE... BUT THIS MUCH RAIN...

MAYBE IT'S A MATTER THAT REQUIRES QUITE A BIT OF POWER.

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SORRY TO KEEP YOU FELLOWS WAITING.

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...

TODAY, WE HAVE OUR GRAND OPENING SPECIAL...

BUT YOU HAVEN'T SERVED US ANYTHING YET?!

HUH...?

YOU TWO ARE INCREDIBLY LUCKY.

WHOA! REALLY?

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I'M THE ONE WHO'LL ASK THE QUESTIONS.

AND I'VE GOT LOTS OF THEM...

HUH!? WHO ARE YOU?!

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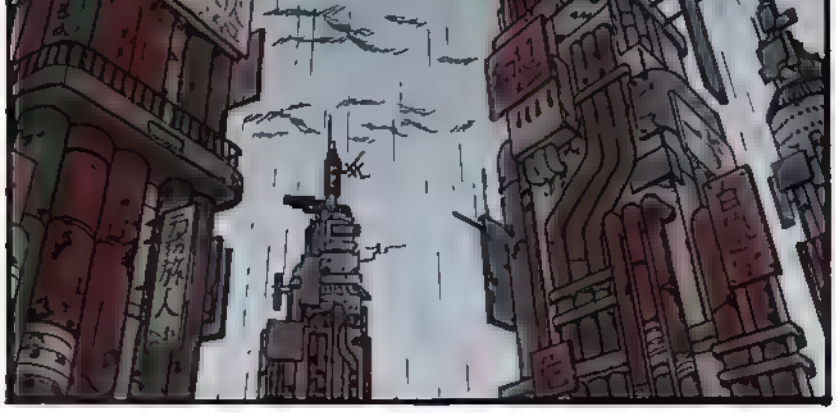
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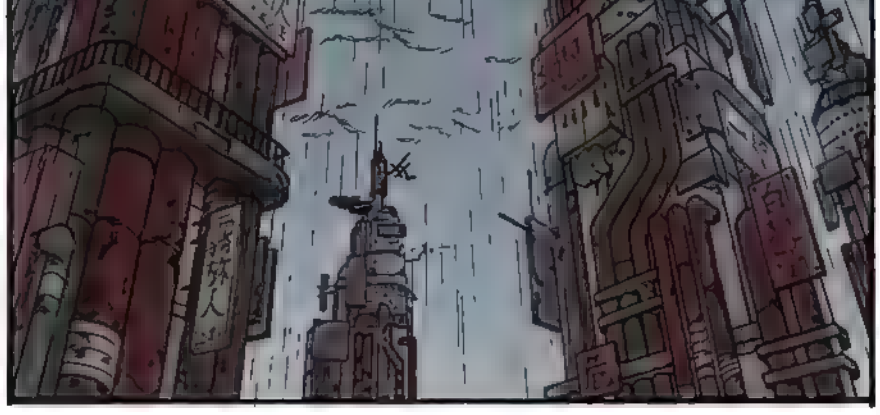
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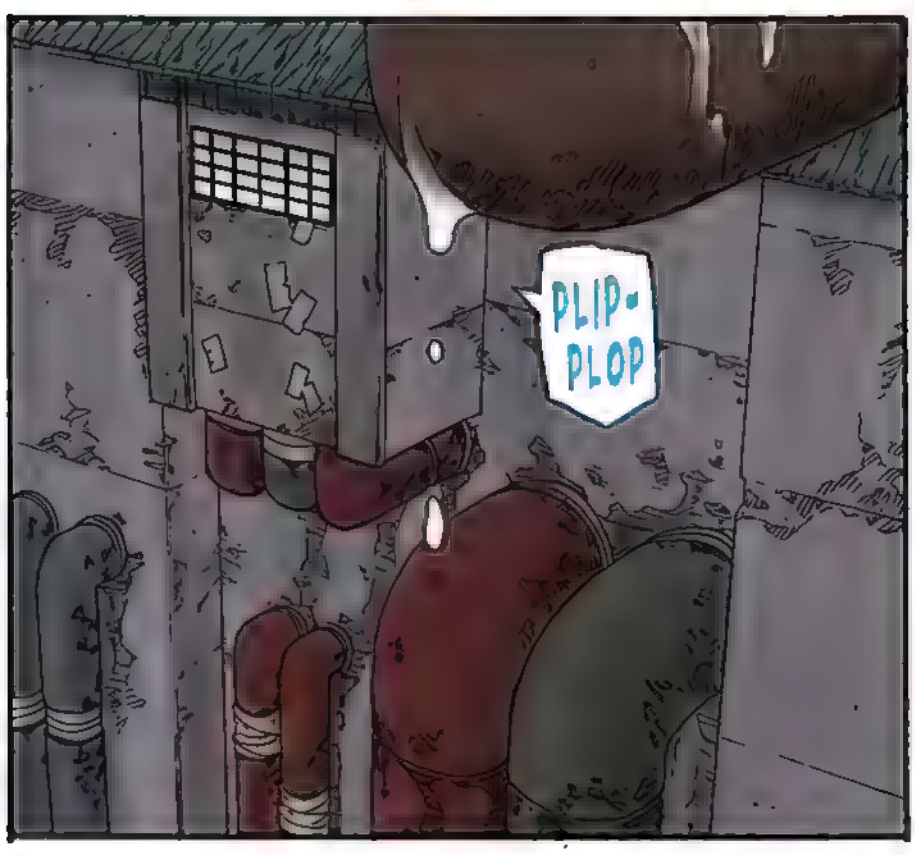
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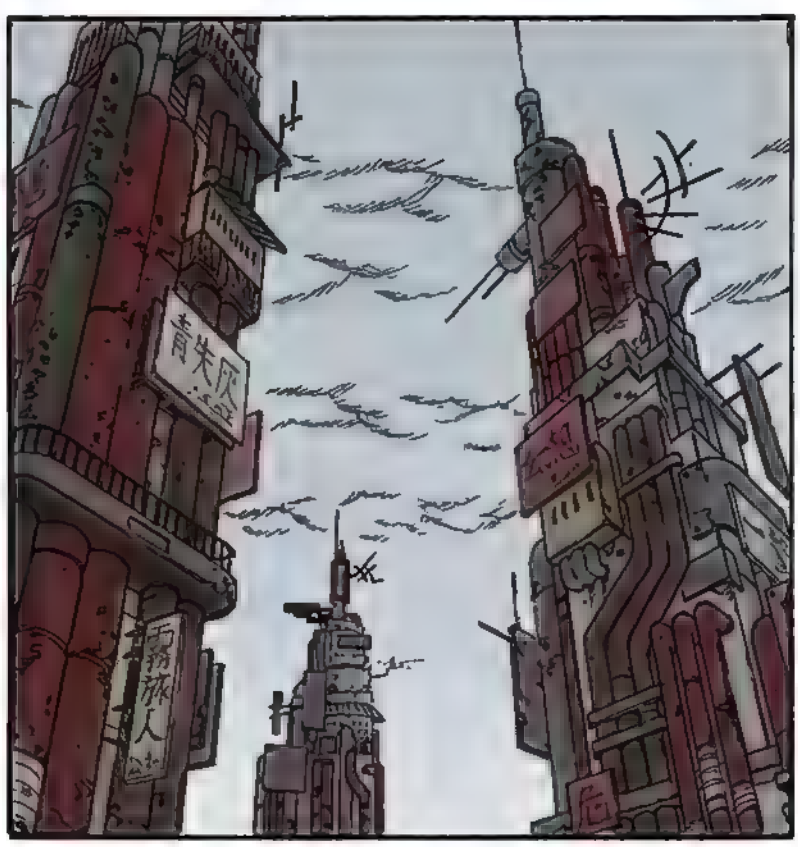
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DO IT, KONAN. NOW...

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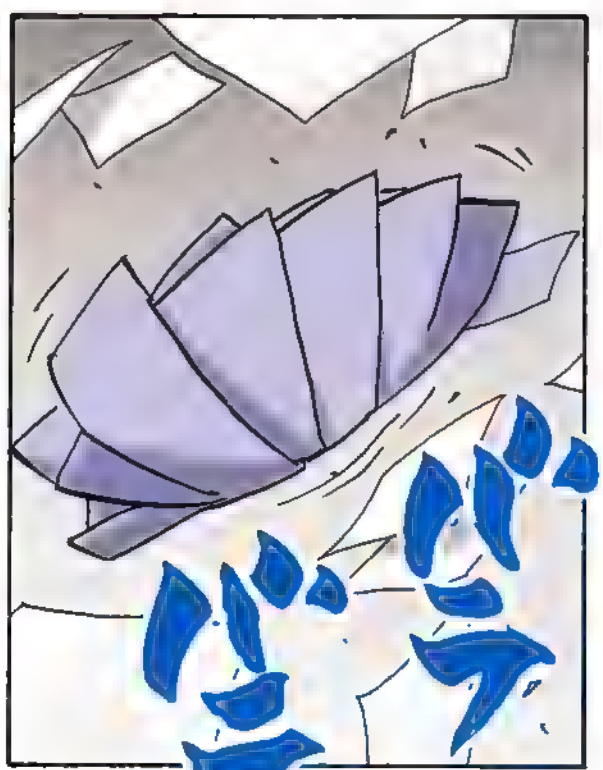
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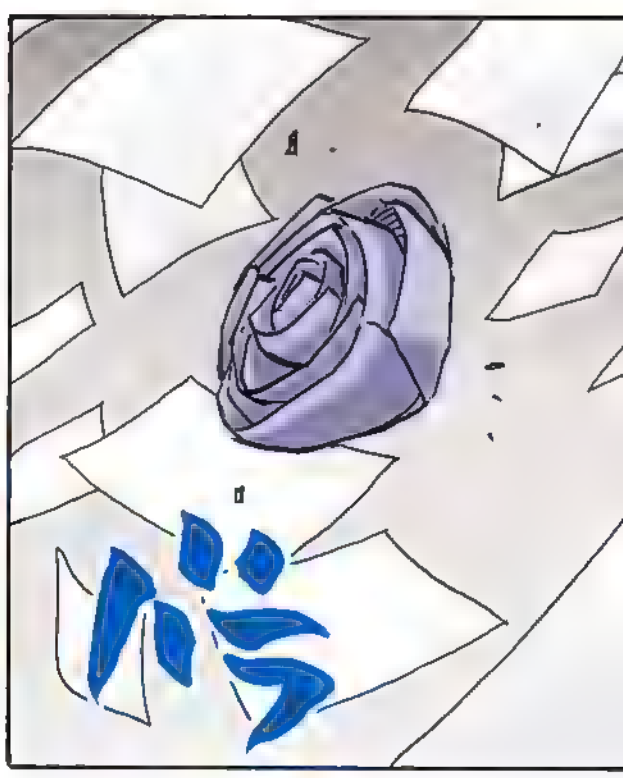
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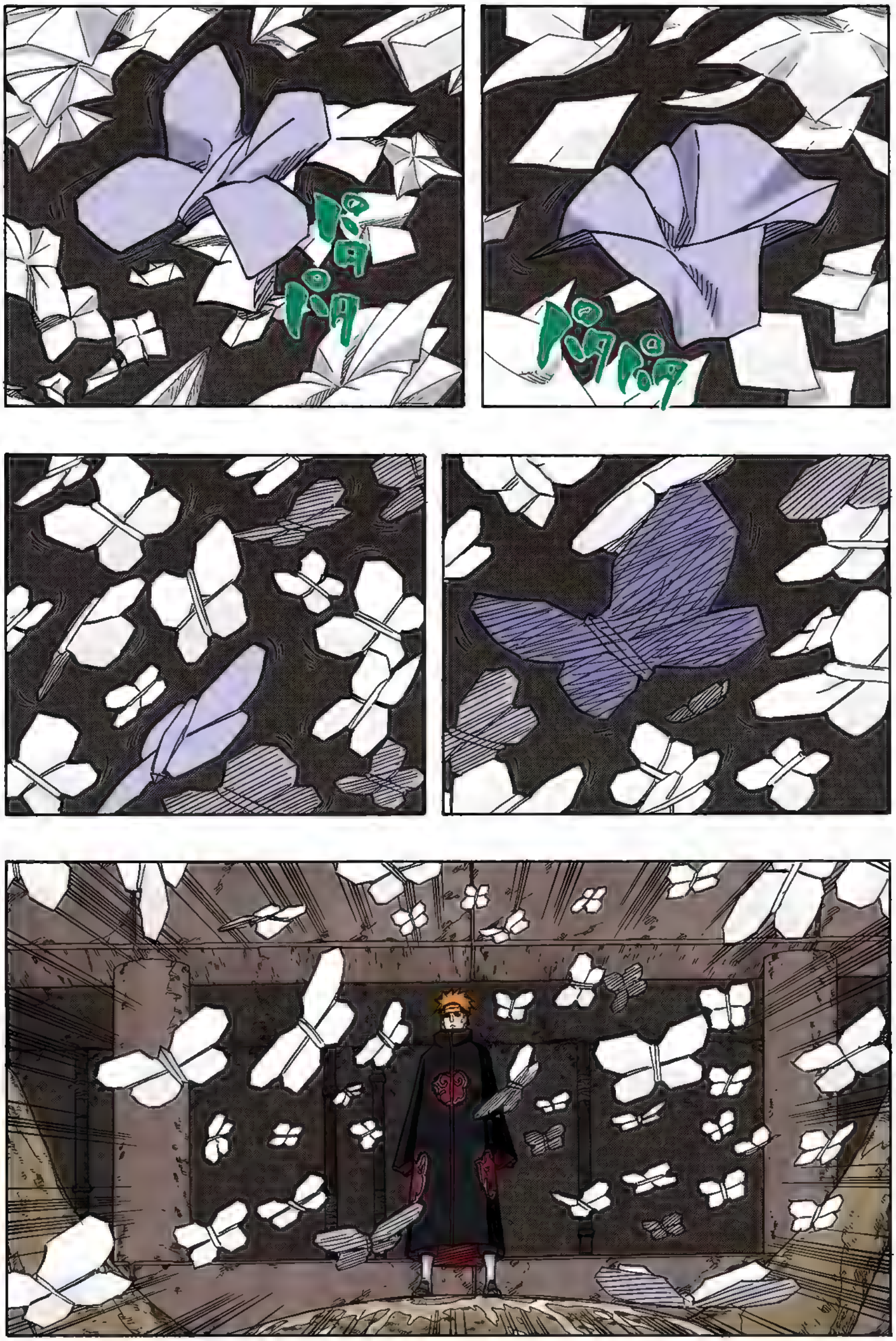

...YOU MUST BE SHINOBI— UNDER-LINGS, BY THE LOOK OF YOU— NO?

FROM THE WAY YOU WERE TWIRLING THOSE KUNAI KNIVES...

NOW, THEN...

GAH...!

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!

YOU'RE INSIDE THE STOMACH OF A TOAD.

...DIDN'T I?

SWISH

I TOLD YOU I'LL BE THE ONE ASKING QUESTIONS...

WHO... WHAT ARE YOU?!

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE FROM LAUGHING TOO MUCH, YOU BETTER ANSWER ALL OF MY QUES-TIONS...

TICK-LING! WHAT ELSE?

WHAT'S THAT FEATHER FOR?

...

...ABOUT YOUR LEADER, LORD PAIN.

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DON'T GIVE IN!

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UGH... PFF... U-UN NNH...

TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT PAIN.

NOW, SPILL IT!

...BETRAY... NO MATTER WHAT... PFF...

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I WOULD NEVER... UGHHH...

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WH...WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO NOW!?

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PLAY MY ACE AFTER ALL.

YOU, MY FRIEND. ARE EXCEP-TIONALLY TENACIOUS.

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WELL, IF YOU ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO TALK, I SHALL USE MY JUTSU...

TO TURNS **FLOGS** YOU INTO **FROGS!**

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GET IT?

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FLOG... FROG...

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GYA HA HA HA HA

NOW, SPILL IT!

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WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU!?

HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA
...

IT'S USELESS!

SO GO AHEAD! DO YOUR WORST!

WE WILL **NEVER** BETRAY OUR COMRADES!

WE MIGHT BE UNDERLINGS, BUT WE'RE STILL RAIN NINJA!

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NINJA ART! TOAD TRANSFOR-MATION!!

SIGH... DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU...

N-NO...!!

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OHHH! THAT'S JUST CRUEL!!

RIBBIT RIBBIT

YOU'RE NEXT...

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...IT IS SAID THAT LORD PAIN... RESIDES IN THE TALLEST TOWER IN THE WEST PART OF THE CITY...

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EH? WHAT WAS THAT?

SOMETHING ABOUT NEVER BETRAYING YOUR COMRADES... EH...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ACTUALLY ...NO ONE REALLY KNOWS THAT MUCH ABOUT LORD PAIN.

SO WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT IS SAID?

WELL, NEVER MIND.

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...BUT NO ONE HAS EVER REALLY SEEN HIM UP CLOSE...

...AND SOME CLAIM THAT HE DOESN'T EVEN EXIST.

IT IS SAID HE IS OF FUUMA (WIND DEMON) CLAN LINEAGE ...

IN THIS CITY, LORD PAIN IS LIKE A GOD.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF HE EXISTS OR NOT... HE'S ALWAYS WATCHING OVER AND PROTECTING US.

...SO DON'T LIE!

I WALKED AROUND A BIT EARLIER, BUT EVERYONE I PASSED WAS SIGNING HIS PRAISES...

SO WHY HIDE HIMSELF FROM EVEN HIS CLOSEST FOLOWERS?

BUT HE IS YOUR LEADER, RIGHT?

FESTIVAL FUNCTIONS, SPEECHES, ORDER ISSUANCES, THEY'RE ALL HANDLED BY PROXIES AND MESSENGERS...

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YOU...

YOU'RE NOT AN OLD AMEGAKURE REMNANT, ARE YOU?

SO WHO *ARE* YOU?

PRECISELY FOR SITUATIONS LIKE THESE ...

I SEE...

YOU'RE AN OUT-SIDER, THEN...

HEH... YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, DO YOU?

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT OLD AMEGAKURE REMNANTS?

NEVER MIND WHO I AM.

BUT IT'S NO LONGER A CONCERN. THE ONLY ONES WHO MANAGE TO FIND THEIR WAY IN NOW ARE LUCKY FOREIGNERS SUCH AS YOU.

UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, ORIGINAL AMEGAKURE SHINOBI WERE STILL SNEAKING BACK IN AND GOING AFTER LORD PAIN EVERY CHANCE THEY COULD GET.

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IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT YOU HAVEN'T HEARD... WE'RE SO CLOSED OFF.

SO LET ME TELL YOU.

NO LONGER A CONCERN?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I HAD HEARD THAT YOU WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CIVIL WAR.

AMEGAKURE= HIDDEN RAIN VILLAGE

HE DEFEATED AMEGAKURE... ALL BY HIMSELF.

THAT'S WHY LORD PAIN IS A LEGEND.

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AND WE'RE THE ONES WHO WON!

THE CIVIL WAR HAS LONG BEEN OVER.

UNBELIEV-ABLE...

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...THERE TRULY WERE NO SHINOBI THAT DIDN;T KNOW THE NAME OF THE PREVIOUS AMEGAKURE LEADER, HANZO OF THE GIANT SALAMANDER.

NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL THIS PAIN MIGHT BE...

...AND REQUIRED FULL-BODY FRISKS OF ALL WHO APPROACHED, EVEN CHILDREN.

HE SURROUNDED HIMSELF WITH GUARDS 24/7...

IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET NEAR HIM.

THAT'S RIGHT... AND HANZO WAS VIGILANT, EVEN GIVEN HIS GREAT ABILITIES.

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I TOLD YOU!

NO ONE KNOWS!!

WHAT IS HIS SPECIAL-TY?

SO HOW DID PAIN DEFEAT HIM?

JIRAIYA, STOP!!

WE CAN STILL FIGHT!!

WE DON'T WANT YOUR SYMPATHY!

THEREFORE, I SHALL LET YOU THREE LIVE.

I PREDICT KONOHAGAKURE SHALL EMERGE VICTORIOUS FROM THIS BATTLE.

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...YOU SURVIVED EVEN THIS BATTLE-GROUND.

YOU THREE ARE VERY STRONG...

I, HANZO...

...HEREBY CHRISTEN YOU THREE GREAT SHINOBI OF KONOHA.

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REFER TO YOURSELVES AS SUCH IN RETURN FOR HAVING YOUR LIFES SPARED.

...BUT THAT IS NOT WHY LORD PAIN IS TO BE FEARED.

HE WIELDS FORMIDABLE JUTSU...

HEH HEH... IT WAS A GOD-LIKE DEED.

UNBELEIVABLE... THAT HE COULD TAKE HANZO DOWN BY HIMSELF.

WHAT IS TRULY AWE-INSPIRING OF HIM IS HIS...

...

MERCILESS HEART OF STEEL.

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HE HAS SYSTEMATICALLY ELIMINATED ALL WHO THREATEN OR QUESTION HIS VISION.

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...EVEN DISTANT RELATIVES AND COLLEAGUES, DOWN TO THE LAST INFANT.

HE DIDN'T JUST DESTROY HANZO. HE ALSO KILLED HIS PARENTS, WIFE, AND CHILDREN...

...UNTIL NOTHING- AND NO ONE- WAS LEFT.

AND THEN, AFTER RAZING AND BURNING THEIR RESIDENCIES TO THE GROUND, HE TURNED TO ALL WHO WERE EVER CONNECTED TO HANZO ...

IT WAS RETRIBU- TION.

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...IS THAT NOT GOD-LIKE?

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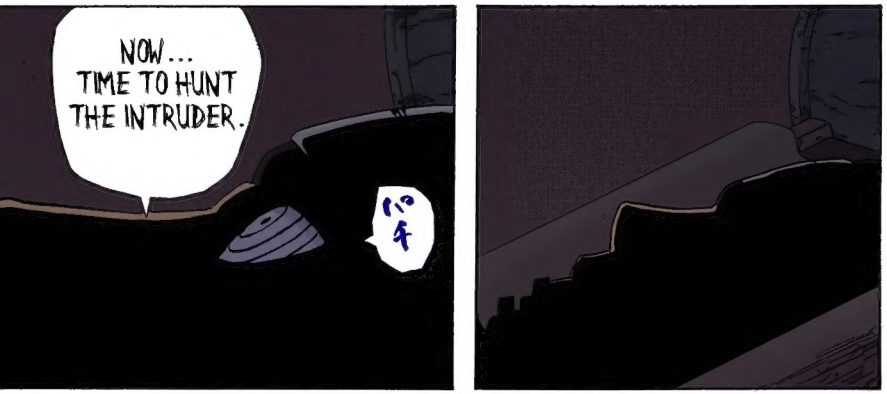

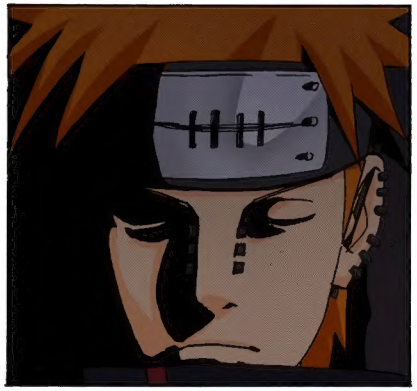

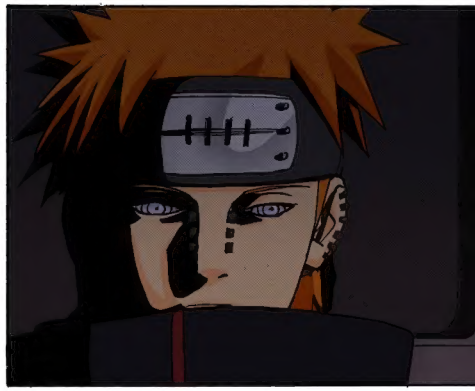

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